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SUMMARY

The Western Pacific Region Index Medicus (WPRIM) is a global project of the World Health Organization (WHO) 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. WPRIM allows free, public access to research and publications that may not be available through other popular medical indexes. 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, 671,280 articles from 643 journals have been registered and indexed.

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.

The WPRIM Regional Journal Selection Committee (RJSC) was created in 2007. It is composed of editors from the Member States of the Western Pacific Region who 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 share 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 2018 Meeting of the Western Pacific Region Index Medicus (WPRIM) Regional Journal Selection Committee (RJSC) was held in Bogor, Indonesia on 17 July 2018. The meeting was attended by delegates from 11 countries – eight from the Western Pacific Region, two from the South-East Asia Region and one from the Americas Region. The meeting preceded the 2018 Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME) meeting and convention that was held from 18 to 19 July 2018 co-hosted by APAME, Bogor Agricultural University and the Council of Asian Science Editors (CASE).

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 2019 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 Chandani Thapa, Technical Lead, Information Products and Services, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She acknowledged the support of Bogor Agricultural University, the host institution for organizing the meeting in coordination with the Council of Asian Science Editors (CASE).

Dr Wilfred Peh also thanked Professor Komang G. Wiryawan, Chair of the Local Committee, Joint Convention of APAME and 5th Asian Science Editors Conference and Workshop 2018, for his help in organizing the joint WPRIM and APAME meetings in Bogor Agricultural University’s IPB International Convention Center. He welcomed Ms Chandani Thapa, who replaced Ms Marie Villemin Partow, and Ms Deepti Munjal, the WPRIM liaison officer for the South-East Asia Region. He acknowledged the vital role of the WHO-Regional Office for the Western Pacific Region in organizing the WPRIM RJSC meeting annually, which also spawned the organization of APAME.

The following were nominated to preside the meeting: Chairman – Dr Wilfred Peh (Singapore), Vice Chairman – Dr Saw Aik (Malaysia), and Rapporteur – Ms Merlita Opena (Philippines). The meeting programme is available in Annex 1 and the list of participants in Annex 2.

2.2 Summary of the 2017 WPRIM and APAME meeting

The proceedings of the 2017 WPRIM Meeting were emailed in June 2018 to everyone for comments (Annex 3). As no comments were received, the report was approved as presented.

Ms Alma Prosperoso, Administrative Assistant of the Library of the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific, summed up that 90% of the previous year’s proposed plans were achieved.
2.3 WPRIM report

2.3.1 Activities (Annex 4)
Ms Prosperoso gave updates on the composition of the WPRIM National Journal Selection Committees (NJSC) and reported changes in the composition of chairs in the NJSC Committees of China and the Philippines and the technical focal persons as follows:

1) Professor Chi Hui replaced Professor Dai Tao as the Chair of the China NJSC
2) Dr Jose Florencio Lapena, Jr. replaced Dr Jose Ma. Avila as the Chair of the Philippines NJSC
3) Ms Wang Lei replaced Mr Wang Junhui as the new IMICAMS WPRIM Technical Coordinator.

There are no changes in the names of representatives of countries with no NJSCs but have indexed journals in WPRIM such as Brunei Darussalam, Fiji, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic and Papua New Guinea.

2.3.2. WPRIM database and new platform (Annex 4)
Ms Prosperoso reported the progress and statistical data of the WPRIM database. The data were prepared in collaboration with Mr Fang An of IMICAMS. As of 12 July 2018, the WPRIM database has 671 280 bibliographic entries. A total of 52 969 articles were added between 3 August 2017 and 12 July 2018. There was a 7% increase in data contribution in 2017. There are now 644 total indexed journals in WPRIM.

The information on the number of full-text articles by country was presented, including website traffic statistics. The unstructured data were also presented to show the status of WPRIM data compliance with the Global Index Medicus (GIM). WPRIM will continue to contribute to GIM for global visibility of published works in the Western Pacific Region with support from the WHO Regional Office Library.

The new WPRIM website and its mobile version went live in June 2018. The WPRIM Candidate Journal Selection System (CJSS) and Data Creation and Management System (DCMS) are now integrated and linked. This allows the RJSC members and focal person(s) of WPRIM contributing countries to apply just one username and password to access both systems. The RJSC members are encouraged to use the CJSS for the submission, review, evaluation and approval of new journals nominated for inclusion in WPRIM. On the other hand, focal person(s) of contributing countries are encouraged to update their country journal information data regularly through the DCMS.

2.3.3. Proposed activities
The proposed activities to be implemented for 2019 are as follows:

a) Promotion and usage of the upgraded WPRIM interface and platform,
b) Training workshop for WPRIM data providers (librarians, IT, focal persons) to discuss the contribution and quality control and to share lessons learnt in data collection and uploading. The training workshop is proposed to be held before the end of 2018 to be hosted by IMICAMS in collaboration with the WHO Regional Office Library.

c) The implementation of the online candidate journal submission system using the upgraded CJSS should be facilitated by the NJSC RJSC Chair.
d) IMICAMS will assist WPRIM contributing countries in coordination with the WHO Regional Office Library to comply with the requirements set by the Latin American and the Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME) for upgrading GIM.
e) Continue to encourage WPRIM countries that have resources to support countries that have challenges in contributing their data to WPRIM.

2.3.4. RJSC report

Professor Chi Hui replaced Professor Dai Tao as the Chair of the WPRIM RJSC.

Ms Prosperoso emphasized that the RJSC will continue to establish the regional criteria and standards for the selection of journals for indexing to WPRIM. However, the country NJSC can still set up agreed minimum standards and refine its selection process in order to solve issues arising on the journal selection system. Dr Saw Aik recommended that, as an example, other country NJSCs adopt the additional processes and classification implemented by the Philippines NJSC. It was also suggested that the RJSC strengthen its role vis-à-vis NJSCs, assess if the Philippine model can be adopted and how IMICAMS can generate reports on the status of submission of articles by journal.

Professor Hee Jin Yang, NJSC Chair of the Republic of Korea, presented the six candidate journals published in the Republic of Korea for indexing in WPRIM. The RJSC reviewed and approved the six journals for inclusion to WPRIM. The total number of indexed journals in WPRIM is now 650.

2.4 APAME

2.4.1 Activities

Professor Wilfred Peh facilitated the review of the minutes of the 2016 meeting in Bangkok, also noting the discussions in the 2017 meeting in Vientiane, which is included in the 2017 WPRIM RJSC meeting report. The matters arising from the minutes of previous meeting were as follows:

1. The following were the new liaisons for APAME collaboration:
   a. WHO WPRIM Liaison Ms Chandani Thapa
   b. WHO IMSEAR Liaison Ms Deepti Munjal
   c. International Liaison Prof Peter L. Munk

2. “Ad Hoc” was deleted from APAMED Central (Ad Hoc)

2.4.2 Committee reports

2.4.2.1 Education Committee (Annex 5)

Ms Merlita Opeña reported five APAME-endorsed trainings held in the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Viet Nam and the Philippines. In all these trainings, resource persons from APAME were invited. Two committee members were also invited to represent APAME in three international conferences. The Education Committee welcomes proposals for 2019, especially those in less developed countries.

Professor Peh clarified that for a training to be endorsed by the APAME Education Committee, it will require from the organizers a training syllabus because it is important to ensure quality standards. The participants of the meeting suggested that training schedules as well as information resources like reading materials should be posted in the APAME website. Dr Sam Matthew, editor-in-chief of the Indian Journal of Novel Drug Delivery System, offered his availability as a resource person for APAME trainings.

2.4.2.2 Library and IT Committee (Annex 5)

IMICAMS has been working on developing a new WPRIM platform to improve functionality. The new platform features a new design interface and a link capacity to the journal management system (WPRIM CJSS and DCMS). Data cleaning is also emphasized for contributors. The improvement of the system and data quality will increase visibility and usage of the WPRIM database.
2.4.2.3 Ethics Committee (Annex 5)
Professor Shamina Lasker presented the activities undertaken by the Ethics Committee in Mongolia and Bangladesh. In Mongolia, the forums dealt with ethics in research with human participants and use of animals in laboratories. The training in October 2017 included topics on the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE). A training workshop was held in Bangladesh on research in publication ethics, membership of research committees and academic integrity.

2.4.2.4 APAMED Central Committee (Annex 5)
Dr Yeon-Seok Chang presented the new interface of APAMED Central and the partnerships being pursued by the Committee. He proposed discussions between APAMED Central and WPRIM on how partnership can be formalized.

2.4.3 Proposed constitutional amendments
2.4.3.1 Proposed Amendment No. 1 (Annex 6)
To affirm the status of the associate members from Canada and Iran, and in consideration of membership applications from countries in the Asia Pacific outside of the WHO Western Pacific and South-East Asia regions, amendments to Article 5 on Membership were proposed:

a) Change Section 1 – Individual Membership to Section 1 – Individual Regular Membership
b) Change numbering of Section 2 – Association Membership to Section 3 – Association Membership
c) Add a new Section 2 – Individual Associate Membership
   Individuals meeting eligibility for individual membership in Section 1, who do not belong to a Member State of the WHO Western Pacific Region or South-East Asia Region may be eligible for associate membership. Associate members shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of a regular member except the rights to vote and to hold office.
d) Change numbering of Section 3 – Admission to Membership to Section 4 – Admission to Membership

2.4.3.2 Proposed Amendment No. 2 (Annex 6)
In the interest of equitable representation and rotation of leadership in APAME, the refinement of Article 8, Section 1 – Governance was proposed:

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nominees for president should preferentially favor active members who have chaired or will chair an annual APAME convention, and rotate among countries that have not been represented by an APAME president.

The spirit of equitable representation and rotation of leadership was reiterated during the meeting. The amendments were unanimously approved in voting by email.

2.4.4 Nomination and election of office bearer for 2019–2020

The new set of officers for 2018-2020 were nominated and voted by consensus:

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2.4.5 APAME 2019

There was no discussion on the next meeting.

3. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Conclusions

1. There are six new journal titles submitted by the Republic of Korea 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 650.

2. The WPRIM database now has 671,280 bibliographic entries. There was a 7% increase of data contribution in 2017. WPRIM will also continue its contribution to the Global Health Library, Global Index Medicus database.

3. The Institute of Medical Information Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (IMICAMS), a WHO collaborating centre that maintains the WPRIM database and collects data for uploading, presented the features of the new WPRIM platform that includes the integrated WPRIM candidate journal selection system, the journal information management page and a single username and password access for contributing countries. WPRIM is also now accessible on mobile devices.

4. The WPRIM National Journal Selection Committees 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 are encouraged to perform quality control checks for metadata duplication, to update their article contribution utilizing the upgraded platform and to use the online candidate journal submission for evaluating additional journals for inclusion to WPRIM.

3. Member States that have resources and 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 and contributing countries with resources 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.
ANNEX 1

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08:00-08:30   Registration

08:30-09:30   (1) Opening Session
              Welcome Remarks
              Appointment of Chairperson, Rapporteurs

              (2) Adoption of the Agenda

              (3) Summary: 2017 WPRIM meeting in Lao, PDR

10:00-11:00   (4) WPRIM Status Report
              • WPRIM activities
              • Statistics, Upgraded platform

11:00-12:00   (5) WPRIM Regional Journal Selection Committee
              • Approval of new journals (2018)
              • Other matters

12:00-13:00   Lunch

13:00-15:00   (6) Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME)

15:00-15:30   Coffee Break

15:30-16:00   APAME (continuation)
              Closing
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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 Villemin 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.
c. 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.
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(August 2017 to July 2018)

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2. Cambodia          9. Papua New Guinea
4. Fiji              11. Republic of Korea
5. Japan             12. Singapore
7. Malaysia
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Chair: Prof. Chi Hui
Vice Chair: Prof. Jiang Yongmao
Members: Prof. Hao Jiyig, Prof. Li Haiyan, Prof. Liu Bing,
         Prof. Qian Qing, Prof. Qu Chunxiao, Prof. Su Xuemei,
         Prof. Wang Qing, Prof. Xie Zhiyun, Dr. Zhang Xiumei
         Dr. Fu Xijuan, Mr. Fang An, Ms. Kong Zhaoxia

Country National Journal Selection Committee (NJSC) - JAPAN

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Vice Chair: Mr. Masamitsu Negishi
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         Dr. Kiyoshi Kitamura
         Mr. Kazunari Misawa
Country National Journal Selection Committee (NJSC) - **MALAYSIA**

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Members : Professor Datuk Dr Looi Lai Meng  
          Professor Dr John Arokiasamy  
          Professor Dr. Teng Cheong Lieng  
          Mr. Mohd. Zainuldin Taib

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          Professor Badrakh Burmaajav  
          Professor Sevjid Badamjav  
          Asst Professor Batmunkh Munkhbat
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- Dr Joven Jeremius Q. Tanchuco
- Dr Elizabeth Paz-Pacheco
- Dr Anna Josefina Vasquez Genuino
- Dr Jose D. Quebral
- Dr Jericho Thaddeus P. Luna

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- Yoon Joong Kim
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- Sun-Chul Hwang
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          Professor Eng Kiong Teo
          Professor Nian Chih Hwang
          Professor Alex Sia

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17 July 2018, Bogor, Indonesia
Statistics (as of 12 July 2018)

- Total bibliographic entries – **671,280**
- 52,969 articles were uploaded during the last year (from 3 August 2017 – 12 July 2018)
- Contributing countries – **13**
- Total Journals indexed in WPRIM – **643**
- WHO Journal (WPSAR) - 1

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From June 1st, 2017 to June 30th, 2018

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- Fang An (IMICAMS)
Mobile Service

- Browse Homepage on Mobile
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
DCMS gives access to the journal information page

Web Traffic Statistics
From July 9 to July 15
Proposed Activities for 2018-2019

1. Promote the upgraded WPRIM interface and platform.
2. Meeting and training of WPRIM data providers (librarians, IT, focal persons) to discuss data contribution, quality control and share lessons learned. To be hosted by IMICAMS, China.
3. Implementation of the online candidate journal submission to be facilitated by RJSC Chair.
Proposed Activities for 2018-2019

4. IMICAMS will assist WPRO with the compliance set by BIREME for the new Global Index Medicus
5. Continue to encourage WPRIM countries who have resources to support countries that have challenges in contributing their data to WPRIM.

Thank You

WPRO
• Chandani Thapa (cthapa@who.int)
• Alma Prosperoso (prosperosoa@who.int)
IMICAMS
• Fang An (fang.an@imicams.ac.cn)
Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors
Education and Training Committee Report
2017-2018
APAME Board Meeting & General Assembly
17th July 2018
Bogor, Indonesia

Merlita M. Opeña, Chair
Co-Chair: Sun Tun, Co-Chair
Jose Florencio F. Lapeña, Jr. Wilfred C.G. Peh, Members
APAME Annual Convention 2017 and Joint Meeting with WHO WPRIM & IMSEAR August 17-19 Vientiane

Search & Access for Reading, Citing & Writing
August 17-19, 2017. Vientiane, Laos

MEDICAL WRITING WORKSHOPS

• Cordillera Regional Health Research Development Consortium Introductory Medical Writing Workshop (CRHRDC & PAMJE, endorsed by APAME)
• 3-4 November 2017, Baguio City
  38 participants
  2 faculty
  4 facilitators
MEDICAL WRITING WORKSHOPS

• Basic Medical Writing Workshop, Myanmar Medical Association and University of Medicine-1 Yangon (Endorsed by MASEAN Group of Medical Journals and APAME)
  • 27-28 November 2017, Yangon, Myanmar

MEDICAL WRITING WORKSHOPS

• 13th National Medical Writing Workshop & 6th Writeshop for Young Researchers (PCHRD & PAMJE, endorsed by APAME)
  • 8-9 January 2018, The Oriental Hotel, Legazpi City, Albay
  • 33 participants
  • 3 faculty
  • 6 facilitators
MEDICAL WRITING WORKSHOPS

- Introduction to Medical Writing, Peer Review, and Editing, Vietnamese Medical Association and the MASEAN Group of Journals (Endorsed by APAME)
- 3 May 2018, Hanoi, Vietnam

REPRESENTATION OF APAME

- Professor Wilfred CG Peh
- Speaker, Asia Pacific Meeting of the International Society for Medical Publication Professionals (ISMPP)
- 5 Sept 2017, Hilton Hotel, Tokyo
Professor Jose FF Lapena
Advisory Board & Reviewer, 8th International Congress on Peer Review and Scientific Publication
10-12 September 2017, Swissotel, Chicago, USA

REPRESENTATION OF APAME

Professor Jose FF Lapena
Keynote Speaker, International Society of Managing and Technical Editors Asian-Pacific Conference 2018
27 March 2018, Novotel Hotel Singapore
FUTURE ACTIVITIES 2018-2019

• 14th National Medical Writing Workshop & 7th Writeshop for Young Researchers (PCHRD & PAMJE, endorsed by APAME), 6-8 August 2018, Baguio City, The Philippines.
• Medical Writing Workshop (Columbia Asia Referral Hospital, endorsed by APAME), 13-14 August 2018, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore, India.
• The Education Committee of APAME welcomes proposals for future workshops in 2019 and beyond
• We are particularly keen to organize workshops in less developed countries

APAME General Assembly 2018

APAME Committee       Chairs / Representatives

Education and Training  Ms. Merlita Opeña / Sun Tun
Ethics and Editorial Policy Prof. Burmaajav B / Shamima P
Library / Information Technology Prof. Quian Qing / M Kitagawa
APAMED Central         Prof. Oh Hoon Kwon
Ethics and Editorial Policy
SUBCOMMITTEE

Burmajav Badrakh
MAMS & MAMJE

World Day for Animals in Laboratories
Sunday 24th April 2016

Workshop on protecting of laboratory animals
24 April, 2016
Workshop on protecting of laboratory animals

- Inauguration of textbooks on Laboratory animal was held in 22 April 2017
- Textbooks written by life science scientists and edited by Burmaajav B.
- This activity implemented by the financial support of MAS

Guideline protecting laboratory animals

Burmaajav B., MAS/MAMS
Training on research ethics

- October 2017
- Training of research ethics conducted
- Involved 30 young researchers
- COPE Guideline

Training of research ethics, oct. 2017
basic principles of ethics

national conference
improvement of ethic knowledge and understanding in mongolia

Burmaajav B.
MAS/MAMS
30 May 2017

research ethics
(Lecture)
Ethic training of trainers’

- 4-7 June 2018
- UNESCO Beijing Representative office
- UNESCO Mongolian Commission
- MAS
- Training of trainers’ was conducted
- Involved 30 trainees from local universities

ETHICS training, 2018
Ethics & Publication Policy Committee

Shamima Parvin Lasker
Co-Chair

Publication Ethics

Bangladesh:

1. Research on publication ethics July 2017
2. Research on Research Committee Members 2018
3. Establish- Bangladesh Society for Scholarly Journal Editors (BASE)
**APAME General Assembly 2018**

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**Report of IT and Library Committee**

July 8, 2018
New version WPRIM

Institute of Medical Information, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (IMICAMS) has been working on developing a new WPRIM platform to improve functionality.

The new platform features a new design interface, a link capacity to the WPRIM journal management system, and normalizes the author data.
Clean Data

Challenge

- Ambiguous Expressions
- Diverse Punctuations
- Noise data

EXAMPLE

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Wang Chengshu
Correspondence:Xu Guoming
Authors Listed
Noor Salihah1, *Pei Lin Lua2, Aryati Ahmad2 & Mohd. Razif Shahril2
geng shan-shan reviewing; cai dong-lian checking
Wolfgang Hann&; ouml; ver; Nora
Sp&; auml; te; Hans-Joachim Hannich

Clean Data

Analyze and Classify Data
Check Data’s Format and Noise Data
Split Last Name and First Name
Check Abbreviation
Normalize Capital and Small Letter
Rebuild
Results

Index in Google Scholar

Attract More Views to the WPRIM’s site
Future

• Release new WPRIM Data Creation and Management System
• Host the WPRIM Data Training Workshop

THANK YOU
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
1. APAMED Central with New Interface
2. Search Result Filter
3. “User Guide” Updated
**INTRODUCTION**

**ARTICLE VII: GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**Section 1 – General Assembly**

The General Assembly shall comprise the entire voting membership of the Association. The General Assembly will meet at least every two years.

**Section 2 - Functions**

Functions of the General Assembly are to 1. approve the Board of Directors and Office bearers 2. modify offices of the General Assembly 3. adopt membership fees and dues, 4. approve projects, and 5. amend the Constitution as needed.
Section 3 - Quorum

A Quorum shall form any number of voting members in attendance, with the assurance that all members are notified 90 days in advance of the meeting via electronic mail.

Agenda:

1. Meeting call to order/certification of quorum
2. Review minutes of last GA (2016)
3. Matters arising
4. Activity reports
5. Election of new board members
6. Other matters
7. End of meeting
AGENDA

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1. General assembly

Professor Lapena 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 from September 2015 to August 2016.

Professor Lapena 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 109 members from 8 Member States in the South-East Asia Region.

3. Three Associate Members; two from Canada and one from Iran.

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2. Activity report

Professors Lapena 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
3. Committee reports

3.1. Education committee

Professor Peh reported the following activities of the committee on behalf of Ms Opeña:

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 Writingshop for Young Researchers and 10th National Medical Writing Workshop and 3rd Writingshop for Young Researchers—organized by PAMIE 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 PAMIE; and

d. Basic Medical Writing Workshop—organized by Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Vietnam.

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;

c. tailor-fit the writing workshops to the needs of the local editors, authors, researchers and journals.

3.2 IT and Library committee

Professor Peh reported on the series of webinar activities of the committee 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.

3.3 Ad hoc committees on APAMED Central

Mr Taeil Kim reported on the status of APAMED Central (Annex 6) on behalf of Dr Oh Hoon Kwon and mentioned that institutions that supported the APAMED Central initiative. At present, APAMED Central has 16 journals that published 1841 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 the 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.

4. Proposed constitutional amendments

Professor Lapu’Au 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 officeholders.”

The proposed amendment was approved.
5. Nomination and election of office bearers for 2016-2018

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

- President: Dr Wilfred CG Peh (Singapore)
- Executive Vice President: Professor Dr Jong-Wook Soo (Republic of Korea)
- Vice President (Internal): Professor Dr Kichiho Tsutani (Japan)
- Vice President (External): Professor Amorn Laalaratamee (Thailand)
- Secretary-General: Professor Dr Aik Saw (Malaysia)
- Immediate Past President: Professor Dr Jose Florencio Lapena (Philippines)
- Director (IMSEAR): Dr Vivi Setiawaty (Indonesia)
- Director (WPRIM): Dr Sing Menorath (Lao People’s Democratic Republic)
- Education and Training: Ms Marita Opoa (Philippines)
- Dr Sun Tun (Myanmar)
- Ethics and Editorial Policy: Professor Burkhaajav Badrakh (Mongolia)
- Professor Shamima Farvina Lasker (Bangladesh)
- IT and Library: Professor Qian Qing (China)
- Mr Masamichi Kitagawa (Japan)
- APAMED Central (Ad Hoc): Professor Oh Hoon Kwon (Republic of Korea)
- WHO WPRIM Liaison: Ms Marie Villemain Partow
- WHO IMSEAR Liaison: Mr Charles Patrick Raby

5. Announcement

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

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APAME General Assembly 2018

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APAMED Central (Ad Hoc) : APAMED Central
WHO WPRIM Liaison : Ms Chandani Thapa
WHO IMSEAR Liaison : Ms Deepti Munjal
International Liaison : Prof. Peter L Munk

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APAME Members:

Altogether, there are 48 countries and comprising the Western Pacific & South East Asia regions.

APAME Members:

APAME has 3 Associate Members
- 2 from Canada
- 1 from Iran.

Total individual members: 216
- 213 Regular Members
- 3 Associate Members

We welcome individual memberships
http://www.wpro.who.int/apame/
Presentation of List of New APAME Members for 2016 Sep – 2018:

- Australia: 1
- India: 3
- Indonesia: 3
- Nepal: 4
- Philippines: 3
- Korea: 1

18 new members by March 2018

Australia: Dr. Nicholas J. Talley

India: Dr. Karandeep Singh Arora
        Dr. Parveen Kumar Sharma
        Dr. Srijani Shehagiri

Indonesia: Dr. Dewi Susanna
           Dr. Ika Fidianingsih
           Dr. Sufi Desrini

Nepal: Dr. Birendra Raj Joshi
       Dr. Nabin Lageju
       Satyam Prakash
       Dr Sudhanshu Jha
APAME General Assembly 2018

Philippines
Ivan Noel Olegario
Mischelle Flormata
Dr Remedios Nelsona P. Punsalan

Korea
Dr Se Jeong Oh

Sri Lanka
Gerard Nemal Lucas

Thailand
Dr Chuleeporn Jiraphongsa

Vietnam
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Other Reports : Prof Wilfred Peh


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Other Reports : Prof JF Lapena


8th International Congress on Peer Review and Scientific Publication, Swissotel, Chicago, USA, September 10-12, 2017
Proposed Constitutional Amendments – 1

To affirm the status of our Associate Members from Canada and Iran, and in consideration of membership applications from Asia Pacific nations outside of WPRO and SEARO, we propose that the heading of Section 1, ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Individual Membership
Editors, previous editors, editorial assistants of peer-reviewed medical journals and those working in any branch of scientific communication in the Asia Pacific Region, in their capacity as Editor-In-Chief, Deputy, Associate, Assistant, Supplement and Managing Editors or scientists and technologists, are eligible for individual membership. Regular members may vote, hold office and serve on committees.

Be replaced by:
Section 1 – Individual Regular Membership

Proposed Constitutional Amendments – 1

We further propose that the numbering of Section 2, ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

Section 2 – Association Membership
National associations of editors of peer-reviewed medical journals, scientific publications or publishing bodies and related companies or organizations are eligible for association membership. Designated representatives shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of a regular member except the rights to vote and to hold office.

Be changed to
Section 3 – Association Membership
Proposed Constitutional Amendments – 1

We also propose that a new Section 2 on Individual Associate Membership be inserted under ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP:

Section 2 – Individual Associate Membership
Individuals meeting eligibility for individual membership in Section 1, who do not belong to a member state of WPRO or SEARO may be eligible for associate membership. Associate Members shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of a regular member except the rights to vote and to hold office.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments – 1

We finally propose that the numbering of Section 3 of ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP:

Section 3 - Admission to Membership
(1) Application for individual or association membership requires the submission of a completed application form.
(2) All applications shall be screened by the Membership Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. A negative decision shall be overruled only if an appeal in favor of the applicant is supported by a majority vote.

Be changed to
Section 4 – Admission to Membership
Proposed Constitutional Amendments - 1

We propose that all these aforementioned changes involving Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

Be adopted by this General Assembly, **effective upon approval**, and that our Constitution be accordingly amended.

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Email votes : Support 40

- Australia : 2
- Bangladesh : 4
- Bhutan : 1
- Brunei : 2
- China : 2
- India : 1
- Indonesia : 1
- Japan : 2
- Laos : 1
- Malaysia : 1
- Mongolia : 2
- Myanmar : 1
- Nepal : 3
- New Zealand : 1
- Philippines : 15
- Singapore : 1
Proposed Constitutional Amendments - 2

In the interest of equitable representation and rotation of leadership in APAME, we propose that the refinement of Article VIII, Section 1 – Governance

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President, Executive Vice-President, Vice-President for Internal Affairs, Vice-President for External Affairs, Secretary-General and 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 President should not represent the country of a previous APAME President, as long as an eligible nominee is available from a previously unrepresented member state in IMSEAR or WPRIM.”
Proposed Constitutional Amendments - 2

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