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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

APAME	Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors
GIM	Global Index Medicus
IMICAMS	Institute of Medical Information, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences
JAMJE	Japanese Association of Medical Journal Editors
NJSC	National Journal Selection Committee
RJSC	Regional Journal Selection Committee
WPRIM	Western Pacific Region Index Medicus

## **SUMMARY**

The Western Pacific Region Index Medicus (WPRIM) is a global project of the World Health Organization and Member States. WPRIM's goal is to develop and sustain an online index (database) of medical and health journals published in the Region. WPRIM allows free, public access to research and publications that may not be available through other popular medical indexes.

The WPRIM Regional Journal Selection Committee (RJSC) is composed of editors from WPRIM member countries that meet annually to select and approve journals for indexing and inclusion in the database. The 2019 Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME) meeting and convention was held from 4 to 5 September 2019 in Xi'an, China, hosted by the Institute of Medical Information, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences. The Library unit of the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific took this opportunity to organize the 2019 meeting of the WPRIM RJSC on 3 September 2019 in Xi'an, China.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Meeting organization**

The 2019 Meeting of the Western Pacific Region Index Medicus (WPRIM) Regional Journal Selection Committee (RJSC) was held in Xi'an, China on 3 September 2019. The meeting was attended by delegates from nine countries from the Western Pacific Region. The meeting preceded the 2019 Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME) meeting and convention that was held from 4 to 5 September 2019 co-hosted by APAME, the Institute of Medical Information, Chinese Academy of Medical Science (IMICAMS) and the People's Medical Publishing House (PMPH).

### **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 2020 activities for WPRIM;
- 3) to review the current WPRIM selection criteria; and
- 4) 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 opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She acknowledged the support of the Institute of Medical Information, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (IMICAMS), a WHO collaborating centre, for their support in organizing the meeting.

For the information of the meeting participants, Ms Thapa presented the conclusions and recommendations of the 2018 WPRIM meeting, which was held in Bogor, Indonesia. In her summary, she reiterated the acceptance of six new journals in 2018, which led to the current 650 journals now indexed in WPRIM. She presented the Global Health Library initiative and the role of mobile devices in the advancement of data management and utilization. She also emphasized the role of authors, librarians and journals in the sustained contribution to data enhancement in the region.

Ms Thapa also presented the Chair and Rapporteur of the meeting. Dr Badrakh Burmaajav (Mongolia) was appointed as Chair and Dr Erlinda Palaganas (Philippines) as Rapporteur. Dr Badrakh moved for the adoption of the agenda, which was endorsed with no additions. The meeting programme is available in Annex 1. The participants from country medical journals and libraries were requested to introduce themselves. The list is available in Annex 2.

### **2.2 Summary of the 2018 WPRIM and APAME meeting**

The 2018 meeting report (see Annex 3) was emailed to everyone for information and comments. Ms Chandani Thapa also presented the conclusions and recommendations of the 2018 meeting for comments. There were no comments received thus the report was approved as presented.

Ms Alma Prosperoso summed up that 90% of last year's proposed plans were achieved.



## 2.3 Reports

### 2.3.1. WPRIM report

Ms Alma Prosperoso presented a status of the activities of WPRIM as of August 2019 (see the report in Annex 3). Her report was divided into three parts:

- 1) WPRIM activity updates
- 2) WPRIM database and statistics
- 3) Global Index Medicus (GIM) platform updates

#### WPRIM activity updates

##### a. Composition of WPRIM National Journal Selection Committee (NJSC)

Eight countries have established NJSCs: China, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore and Viet Nam; five countries have not: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Fiji, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Papua New Guinea. The countries without NJSCs are contributing through their identified focal persons from the journal management or as appointed by their health ministries.

Countries with no changes in their NJSC composition are China, Japan, Mongolia, the Philippines, Republic of Korea and Singapore. Countries with changes in their NJSC composition are Malaysia and Viet Nam.

##### b. WPRIM training workshop

A training workshop was conducted by IMICAMS in collaboration with the Library unit of the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific from 19 to 21 November 2018 in Beijing, China. There were 15 participants with representatives from China, Japan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Philippines. A technical working group was established to review the functionalities of the WPRIM database and to share its report to the WPRIM Regional Journal Selection Committee.

The following are important action points recommended for implementation:

- 1) Develop a guide for metadata compliance for discoverability of WPRIM data.
- 2) Gather data for the focal person to evaluate and send comments on the improvement of the WPRIM database, and journal editors and contributing countries to update their journal information page semi-annually.
- 3) Check the data format structure of WPRIM indexed articles with contributing countries for compliance to the GIM structure and format.
- 4) Obligate contributing countries to review the list of indexed journals using the WPRIM Data Management System.
- 5) Implement the new WPRIM document type definition (DTD).
- 6) Develop an updated user manual.
- 7) Establish and strengthen the usage of the WPRIM database through the following activities:
  - a. Advertise WPRIM in the indexed journal pages and websites.
  - b. Promote WPRIM-related activities by country.
  - c. Link the WPRIM website to institutional or academic websites of contributing countries.
  - d. Leverage the status of WPRIM by featuring articles on recent trends on disease and public health concerns.
  - e. Develop video tutorials on how to search in WPRIM with user testimonies on the advantages.

The 2018 WPRIM Technical Working Group (TWG) requested that the following matters be included as part of the agenda of the 2019 WPRIM RJSC meeting for discussion/comments of the Committee and contributing country representatives:

- 1) WPRIM Database – Should data be searchable in other search engines such as Google Scholar, Naver and Baidu?
- 2) WPRIM Data Management System – Should articles without abstracts be retained for publishing in WPRIM? A monitoring and compliance check is needed.
- 3) WPRIM Criteria – Is there a need to review the criteria for journal selection?

#### WPRIM database and statistics

The following summary refers to WPRIM data statistics:

- 1) Total number of journals indexed as of July 2019: 650 titles
- 2) Nearly 50% have full text access and half a million articles available
- 3) Almost 60% of journals published in countries of the Western Pacific Region are only available for access through WPRIM; 35% of WPRIM journals are also indexed in PubMed/Medline
- 4) There are 708 299 WPRIM articles contributed in GIM (as of 30 August 2019).

#### Global Index Medicus (GIM) platform updates

GIM provides worldwide access to biomedical and public health literature produced by and within low- and middle-income countries. The main objective is to increase the visibility and usability of this important set of resources. The material is collated and aggregated by WHO Regional Office libraries on a central search platform allowing retrieval of bibliographical and full text information.

The new GIM portal will be launched before the end of 2019. IMICAMS in coordination with the Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME) continues to contribute to GIM for the WPRIM entries that will soon be accessible via the new portal. Mr Renato Murasaki prepared a video presentation on GIM for the meeting, in which he highlighted the following aspects of the updated platform:

- Democratization and access of information ( <https://www.globalindexmedicus.net/>)
- Presentation of the new framework of GIM to the WHO Global Library Group (GLG)
- The multilingual aspect of the new GIM portal
- Quick access to new features with the inclusion of indicators
- Governance of GIM with the establishment of an advisory committee to manage the portal life cycle and define priorities.

### **2.3.2 WPRIM Regional Journal Selection Committee (RJSC)**

#### WPRIM candidate and approved journals

Mr Fang An presented the candidate journals for inclusion to WPRIM from four countries: China, Fiji, Philippines and Republic of Korea.

##### **a. China**

Ten journals were presented for the approval of NJSC China, of which seven were presented for the approval of the RJSC. Two journals were not approved based on the selection criteria as many of their articles did not have English abstracts.

The following five titles were *approved* for 2019 inclusion to WPRIM:

- 1) Journal of Pharmaceutical Practice
- 2) Shanghai Journal of Preventive Medicine
- 3) Journal of Preventive Medicine
- 4) Journal of Public Health and Preventive Medicine
- 5) World Journal of Emergency Medicine.

The following two titles were *not approved* for 2019 inclusion to WPRIM:

- 1) Modern Digestion & Intervention
- 2) China Tropical Medicine

b. Fiji

There is no NJSC Fiji, so the decision to approve the one candidate journal was made by the RJSC. The Fiji Medical Journal was *approved* for 2019 inclusion to WPRIM.

c. Philippines

The NJSC Philippines presented one journal for the approval of the RJSC. The Philippine Journal of Health Research and Development (UP Manila) was *approved* for 2019 inclusion to WPRIM.

d. Republic of Korea

The NJSC Republic of Korea received nine journals for approval of the RJSC. The nine titles presented were *approved* by the RJSC:

- 1) Anxiety and Mood
- 2) Mood and Emotions
- 3) Clinical Pain
- 4) Journal of the Korean Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
- 5) Journal of Digestive Cancer Reports
- 6) Korean Journal of Neuromuscular Disorders
- 7) Korean Journal of Head and Neck Oncology
- 8) Journal of the Korean Society of Biological Therapies in Psychiatry
- 9) Korean Journal of Family Practice.

Summary of decisions and recommendations of the RJSC

- A total of 16 journals were selected and approved by the RJSC for 2019 inclusion to WPRIM.
- Dr Wilfred Peh, Chair of Singapore NJSC, reminded the RJSC members to monitor the quality of the journals that do not have a country NJSC.
- Dr Burmaajav Badrakh presented the data structure analysis of the 14 medical journals of Mongolia as a case study in terms of publication quality of original articles. The status of published articles in these journals were assessed in terms of: presence or absence of English abstracts; presence of key words; mesh key words, etc.

WPRIM journal selection criteria

The journal selection criteria were amended (see Annex 4) based on the discussion and recommendations of the members of the RJSC. In summary, the following points were considered:

- How to move forward
- It is mandatory for journals with research articles/original articles to have an English abstract.

- The review of the current criteria and standards was based on the current journal situation such as to retain the current criteria with notes on the abstract issue and the addition of mandatory International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) and/or electronic ISSN (eISSN) for journals included in WPRIM.
- It was suggested that the country NJSC should be careful in discerning journals applying for WPRIM status and should watch out for predatory journals.

### **2.3.3. APAME activities and Committee reports**

The agenda of the APAME meeting was presented and approved. Dr Burmaajav Badrakh started with welcome remarks to all meeting participants. A review of the minutes of the 2018 APAME meeting in Bogor, Indonesia, was also presented. Dr Saw Aik presented the activity reports as follows (see Annex 5):

- 1) First Philippines Association of Medical Journal Editors (PAMJE) Convention, 16 March 2019, Manila
- 2) Fiji Research Writing, Editing and Reviewing Workshop, 26–29 March 2019, Nadi
- 3) APAME Convention on 3–5 September 2019 in Xi'an, China
- 4) Organizations seeking collaboration with APAME were as follows:
  - a. Healthcare Information for All (HIFA) – APAME should join as a supporting organization and encourage its members to join as individual members. The contact person for HIFA is Dr Neil Pakenham, Coordinator for HIFA and Dr Jose Florencio Lapena, Past President APAME.
  - b. Medical Publishing Insights and Practices – Request for endorsement of predatory journals joint position, 5 August 2019. The focal persons are Dr Robert Matheis, President and Chief Executive Officer for International Society for Medical Publication Professionals (ISMPP) and Dr Jose Florencio Lapena.
  - c. Medical Journal of Australia – Declaration on Predatory (or Pseudo) Journals and Publishers (in 2020), 25 August 2019. The focal persons are Dr Nicholas Talley and Dr Saw Aik.
- 5) Status of APAME Membership
 

Eight new members were approved during the 2018 APAME meeting in Bogor, Indonesia. There are eight members who applied for approval in 2019. The updated status of members as of 2019 is as follows:

  - WHO Western Pacific Region:  $115 + 4 = 119$  members
  - WHO South-East Asia Region:  $108 + 3 = 111$  members
  - Associate members: 2 Canada, 1 Iran + 1 Turkey = 4 associate members
  - Total members:  $226 + 8 = 234$  members
- 6) Education and Training Committee
 

The following activities were supported by the Committee:

  - Medical writing workshop and 5th Writeshop for Young Researchers (Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD) & PAMJE; endorsed by APAME), 6–7 August 2018, Camp John Hay, Baguio City, Philippines
  - Medical Writing Workshop, Columbia Asia Radiology Group, Columbia Asia Referral Hospital, 13–14 August 2018, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore, India
  - Peer Review Workshop, organized with the Philippine Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine, 2 September 2018, Rockwell Ortigas, Pasig City, Philippines
  - Introductory Medical Writing for Publication Workshop, organized by the Metro Manila Health Research Development Consortium (MMHRDC) in partnership with

Far Eastern University, 4 December 2018, Far Eastern University, Manila, Philippines

- Introduction to Editing and Peer Reviewing Workshop, Ho Chi Minh City Medical Association and HCMC University of Medicine and Pharmacy, 10–11 January 2019, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam
- Peer Review Workshop 2, Philippine Journal of Cardiology, 26 January 2019, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Manila, Philippines
- 15th National Medical Writing Workshop & 6th Writeshop for Young Researchers (PCHRD & PAMJE, endorsed by APAME), 29–30 January 2019, Palacio del Sur, Zamboanga City, Philippines
- Editing and Reviewing Workshop, Ministry of Health and Medical Services (in conjunction with the National Consultation on Ethics and Governance of Human Research in Fiji), 28 March 2019, Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji
- Basic Medical Writing Workshop, Ministry of Health and Medical Services (in conjunction with the National Consultation on Ethics and Governance of Human Research in Fiji), 29 March 2019, Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji
- 16th National Medical Writing Workshop & 7th Writeshop for Young Researchers (PCHRD & PAMJE, endorsed by APAME), 13–14 August 2019, Limketkai Luxe Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines

The Committee also reported the following planned activities:

- Scientific Writing Workshop organized by the Faculty of Medicine, Chiang Mai University (endorsed by APAME), 18–19 November 2019, Chiang Mai, Thailand
- Basic Medical Writing and Introductory Editing & Reviewing Workshops, organized by the Myanmar Medical Association and University of Medicine and endorsed by APAME, 26–27 November 2019, Yangon, Myanmar
- National Medical Writing Workshop & Writeshop for Young Researchers (PCHRD & PAMJE, endorsed by APAME), January 2020, Bohol, Philippines
- PAMJE 2nd annual convention, March 2020

7) Ethics and Editorial Policy Committee

The Committee had no report for this meeting.

8) IT and Library Committee

The Committee supported the following activities:

- Training workshop on the WPRIM database, 19–21 November 2018, Ritan Hotel, Beijing, China. Organized by IMICAMS with the Library unit of the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific and participated by 15 WPRIM focal persons from five countries
- Training workshop WPRIM & CMeSH, hosted by IMICAMS, 5 September 2019, Ritan Hotel, Xi'an, China

9) APAMED Central Committee

Professor In Hong Choi, Korean Association of Medical Journal Editors (KAMJE), reported on behalf of Professor Oh Hoon Kwon, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on APAMED Central. He explained the issues and challenges faced by APAMED Central with the change of financial

and human resources from various sectors. APAMED Central database content has not been updated for the past two years, and fewer than 20 journals have been indexed.

The Committee would like to know more about the actual running expenses and gather feedback from journals included in APAMED Central if they can partially contribute towards the cost.

10) Next APAME convention

The Medical Journal of Australia will host the 2020 APAME convention on 10–12 September 2020 at Novotel Manly Pacific Hotel, Sydney, Australia. The focal person for the organization is Dr Nicholas Talley.

One of the proposed highlights of the 2020 APAME convention is the APAME Declaration on Predatory (or Pseudo) Journals and Publishers.

11) Other matters

The members of the Organizing Committee of the Japanese Association of Medical Journal Editors (JAMJE), an association member of APAME, strongly recommended that Dr Jeong-Wook Seo from the Republic of Korea be given an honorary APAME position considering his great contribution to APAME activities since its establishment in 2008, as well as its preparatory period. Since there are no such honorary positions in the APAME constitution, JAMJE proposed that the following two items be included in the agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the APAME General Assembly in Xi'an on 4 September 2019:

- amendment of the Constitution to include honorary positions such as Special Advisor or Honorary Advisor; and
- function and the selection of Dr Seo for that position.

The proposal of JAMJE shall be formally applied for decision to be made during the next APAME General Assembly.

### **3. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **3.1 Conclusions**

There are 16 new journal titles (China: 5, Fiji: 1, Philippines: 1, Republic of Korea: 9) that were reviewed and approved for indexing to WPRIM. The total number of journals approved for indexing to WPRIM from 13 contributing countries is now 665.

The WPRIM database now has 708 299 bibliographic entries. There was a 5% increase of data contribution in 2018. WPRIM will also continue its contribution to the WHO Global Health Library's GIM database. The updated GIM platform with new features will be launched by the end of 2019.

IMICAMS, a WHO collaborating centre that maintains the WPRIM database and collects data for uploading, presented the data on WPRIM access, which increased more than 200% in 2019. In 2018, there were more than 5 million hits for usage, while in 2019 there were more than 15 million hits.

The WPRIM RJSC reviewed and agreed to update the WPRIM journal selection criteria. At present, WPRIM has five journal selection criteria. The second criterion was revised as articles must have mandatory English abstracts for research articles, but not necessarily for special sections of journals such as editorials, commentaries and technical notes, which do not require abstracts. The additional criterion is that journals indexed in WPRIM should have an electronic and/or print ISSN.

The chairs of the WPRIM NJSCs and representatives of countries without NJSCs were also asked if they would like their WPRIM data visible and accessible in other search engines such as Google Scholar, Naver and Baidu. Six countries (Japan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Viet Nam) agreed for their data to be searchable in Google Scholar, Naver and Baidu. Two countries (Mongolia and the Republic of Korea) agreed for their data to be searchable only in Google Scholar. China also agreed for its data to be searchable in Baidu, Naver and Google Scholar, although Google Scholar may not have stable connection in China.

### **3.2 Recommendations**

#### **3.2.1 Recommendations for Member States**

- 1) Member States that have journals indexed in WPRIM are required to follow the updated journal selection criteria immediately as follows: Journals (i) must be in health and biomedical fields, (ii) must have English abstracts for research articles but not necessarily for special sections, (iii) must be peer reviewed (internally or externally), (iv) must have instructions to authors, (v) must have frequency in publication (at least 2 times a year), and (vi) must have an electronic and/or print ISSN.
- 2) 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 (e.g. webinars and medical writing workshops) with the support of the APAME Education and Training Committee.
- 3) Member States that have resources and stable data contribution protocols are encouraged to assist countries that are having challenges with data contribution.
- 4) Member States are encouraged to promote the usage and access to WPRIM database in their institutions.

#### **3.2.2 Recommendations for WHO**

- 1) The Library unit of the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific will monitor the contribution of WPRIM data to the Global Index Medicus and will review recommendation of the WPRIM contributing countries for discussion with the GIM Advisory Committee.
- 2) The 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.
- 3) The 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.

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**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

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: 2018 WPRIM meeting in Bogor, Indonesia	Ms Chandani Thapa ( <i>WHO/WPRO</i> )
09:30-10:00	Group Photo and Coffee Break	
10:00-11:00	(4) WPRIM Status Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WPRIM activities and summary report on the 2018 WPRIM database workshop in Beijing, China</li> <li>Statistics, technical report on the platform</li> <li>Global Index Medicus (GIM) platform - updates</li> </ul>	Ms Alma Prosperoso ( <i>WHO/WPRO</i> ) Mr Fang An ( <i>IMICAMS</i> ) Ms Chandani Thapa ( <i>WHO WPRO</i> )
11:00-12:00	(5) WPRIM Regional Journal Selection Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of new journals for 2019</li> <li>Discussion – WPRIM selection criteria and standards</li> </ul>	WPRIM RJSC Chair/Members Facilitated by WHO WPRO and IMICAMS
12:00-13:00	Lunch	
13:00-15:00	(6) Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of Minutes and Matters Arising</li> <li>Reports</li> </ul>	Professor Burmaajav Badrakh ( <i>APAME President</i> )
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30-16:00	APAME (continuation) Closing	



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# I. WPRIM Activity Updates



## A. National Journal Selection Committee

### 8 Countries with established NJSC

- ❖ China / Japan / Malaysia / Mongolia / Philippines / Republic of Korea / Singapore / Viet Nam

### 5 Countries with no NJSC

- ❑ Brunei Darussalam / Cambodia / Fiji / Lao PDR / Papua New Guinea

## Contributing Countries



1. Brunei Darussalam
2. Cambodia
3. China
4. Fiji
5. Japan
6. Lao PDR
7. Malaysia

8. Mongolia
9. Papua New Guinea
10. Philippines
11. Republic of Korea
12. Singapore
13. Viet Nam

NJSC CHINA – no changes



**Chair:** Prof. Chi Hui  
**Vice Chair:** Prof. Jiang Yongmao  
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NJSC JAPAN – no changes



**Chair** : Dr Kiichiro Tsutani  
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## NJSC MALAYSIA – with changes



**Chair : Dato' Dr Fadzilah Kamaludin (replaced)**

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**Professor Dr John Arokiasamy**

**Professor Dr. Teng Cheong Lieng**

**Mr. Mohd. Zainuldin Taib**

## NJSC MONGOLIA – no changes



**Chair : Professor Pagbajabyn Nymadawa**

**Members: Professor Tserenkhuu Lkhagvasuren**

**Professor Badrakh Burmaajav**

**Professor Sevjid Badamjav**

**Asst Professor Batmunkh Munkhbat**

NJSC PHILIPPINES – no changes



- Chair

: Dr Jose Florencio Lapena Jr.
- Members

: Dr Raymond L. Rosales

Dr Joven Jeremius Q. Tanchuco

Dr Elizabeth Paz- Pacheco

Dr Anna Josefina Vasquez Genuino

Dr Jose D. Quebral

Dr Jericho Thaddeus P. Luna

NJSC REPUBLIC OF KOREA – no changes



- Chair

: Professor Yang Hee Jin
- Assistant Administrator

: Jong Min Kim
- Members

: Tong Mook Kang , O Joo Kwon,

Yoon Joong Kim, Heung Woo Park,

Dong Hoo Seo, Yeon Jeong Son,

Young Eun, Dong Geon Lee,

Heong Jeong Lee, Yong Sik Jeong,

Min Ho Choi, Sun-Chul Hwang

## NJSC SINGAPORE – no changes



**Chair : Professor Dr Wilfred Peh**

**Members: Dr Tan Tze Lee**

**Professor Eng Kiong Teo**

**Professor Nian Chih Hwang**

**Professor Alex Sia**

## NJSC VIET NAM – with changes



**Chair : Dr Nguyen Vinh Hung**



# I. WPRIM Activity Updates



## B. Country Focal Points (Librarians and/or IT)

Brunei Darussalam (No NJSC)	Dr William Chee Fui Chong (Ministry of Health)
China	Mr Fang An and Ms Wang Lei (IMICAMS)
Japan	Mr Masamichi Kitagawa (JAMJE, JStage)
Lao PDR (No NJSC)	Dr Phetsavanh Chanthavilay (University of Health Sciences Lao PDR)
Malaysia	Ms Salasiah Abdul Wahab Ms. Narwani Mahmood /Ms Haslinda Mohamed (Institute for Medical Research, Ministry of Health)



Papua New Guinea (No NJSC)	Ms Dillie George / Professor Victor Temple (University of Papua New Guinea, School of Medicine and Health Sciences)
Philippines	Ms Violeta Intia / Mr Renante Bahala (Philippine Council for Health Research and Development)
Republic of Korea	Prof Hee Jin Yang (KAMJE)
Singapore	Dr Low Lian Leng and Ms Patricia Cheok College of Family Physician; Singapore General Hospital

## B. Country Focal Points (Librarians and/or IT)

Waiting for updates from:

Fiji (No NJSC)	Fiji Journal of Public Health, Ministry of Health and Medical Services
Mongolia	Ministry of Health, Mongolian Academy of Medical Sciences
Viet Nam	Ministry of Health

## I. WPRIM Activity Updates

### C. WPRIM Training Workshop

- ❑ Objective: Ensure that the WPRIM database technical focal persons in contributing countries will work together to further improve and sustain the functionalities of the upgraded WPRIM system
- ❑ November 19 to 21, 2018 – Beijing, China

- ❑ Coordinated and organized by WHO WPRO and IMICAMS
- ❑ 15 Participants  
( China – 5, Japan – 3, Laos – 1, Philippines – 2, Singapore – 1 and WHO/WPRO – 3

Formation of a WPRIM Database Technical Working Group



## II. Action Points – Deliverables

### WPRIM Database

- ❖ Development of a guide for metadata compliance for discoverability of WPRIM data
- ❖ Gather feedbacks from contributing countries on how to improve the functionality and access to WPRIM database

- ❖ Contributing countries focal persons will evaluate and send comments about the improvement of the WPRIM manual.
- ❖ Contributing countries should update their journal information page semi-annually

## Global Index Medicus (GIM)

- ❖ Contributing countries will check the unstructured data format provided by IMICAMS for compliance to GIM contribution
- ❖ Abstract is a mandatory metadata field

## WPRIM Data Management System

- ❖ Contributing countries should review the list of journals indexed in WPRIM
- ❖ Implementation of the new WPRIM DTD

## Development of an updated WPRIM Manual



### WPRIM Promotion

- ❖ We encourage WPRIM indexed journals
  - a. advertise or promote WPRIM in their journal page and websites
  - b. write an introduction about WPRIM in their journal or website page

## WPRIM Promotion

- ❖ WPRIM focal persons in contributing countries must
  - a. Promote WPRIM related activities such as workshops with assistance from country focal persons
  - b. Link WPRIM website to institutional or academic websites of contributing countries

## WPRIM Promotion

- ❖ Leverage the strength of WPRIM by featuring articles on recent trends on diseases and public health concerns
- ❖ Proposed development of video tutorials on how to search in WPRIM with testimonies on the advantages of WPRIM in research

## WPRIM Database Technical Working Group



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## II. Action Points

For discussion/comments of the WPRIM Regional Journal Selection Committee and contributing country representatives

- WPRIM Database – Would you like your data searchable in other search engines like Google Scholar, Naver, Baidoo
- WPRIM Data Management System – Articles without abstracts should be decided if to retain for publishing in WPRIM. A monitoring and compliance check is needed
- WPRIM Criteria – Is there a need to review the criteria for journal selection?



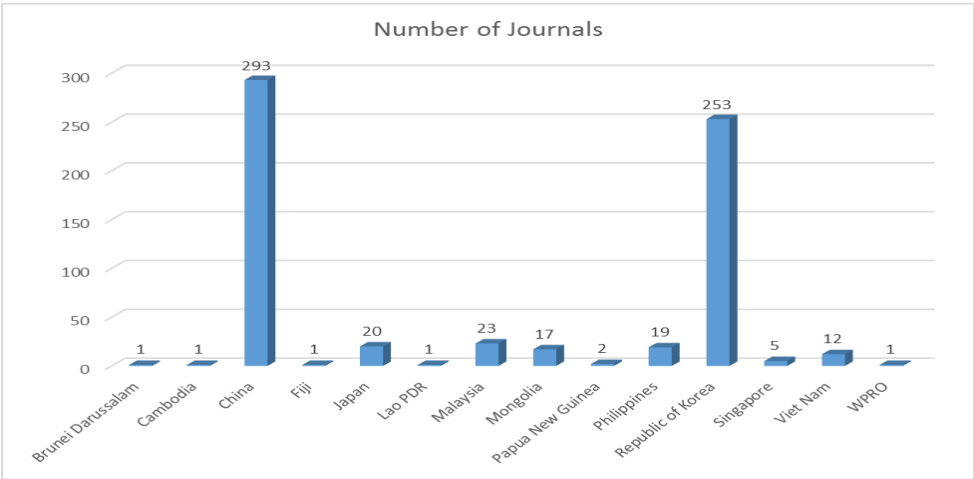
## II. WPRIM Database and Statistics



- ❑ Ensuring global visibility of researches done in the Region
- ❑ Total number of journals indexed is 650
- ❑ Nearly half a million articles are available. 50% have full text access
- ❑ Almost 60% of journals published in WPR countries are only available for access through WPRIM. 35% of WPRIM journals are also indexed in PubMed/Medline

Countries	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Brunei Darussalam				1								
Cambodia						1						
China	64	57	81	22			41		12	11	5	
Fiji								1				
Japan	2	2			5	4	5	1	1			
Lao PDR					1							
Malaysia		9	3	4		4	1	1			1	
Mongolia	2	1	4	1			3		3	2	1	
Papua New Guinea		1							1			
Philippines	13	1	2			1	1			1		
Republic of Korea	131	11	16		21	13	14	10	5	14	12	6
Singapore		2	2	1								
Viet Nam		12										
WPRO				1								

Distribution of journals in each member state



Country	Journals	Articles	% of Full text (No of Entries)
Brunei Darussalam	1	190	100%(190)
Cambodia	1	9	100%(9)
China	293	450,780	78.64%(354491)
Fiji	1	17	100%(17)
Japan	20	20,219	100%(20219)
Lao PDR	1	22	100%(22)
Malaysia	23	6,482	97.45%(6317)
Mongolia	17	399	100%(399)
Papua New Guinea	2	364	100%(364)
Philippines	19	2,298	97.91%(2250)
Republic of Korea	253	258,784	100%(258784)
Singapore	5	3,563	100%(3563)
Viet Nam	12	6415	8.56%(549)
WPRO	1	279	100%(279)

Annual updates from each member state  
(2017.08.03-2018.07.13)



Country	Articles	Means of Collection
Brunei Darussalam	1	Online system upload by focal person
Cambodia	0	
China	53814	Crawled from WanFang and PubMed by IMICAMS
Fiji	0	
Japan	1260	Crawled from J-STAGE New Interface by IMICAMS
Lao PDR	7	Online system upload by focal person
Malaysia	533	Online system upload by focal person, Crawled from PubMed
Mongolia	142	Online system upload by focal person
Papua New Guinea	0	Online system upload by focal person, Crawled from PubMed
Philippines	118	Crawled from PubMed, Online system upload by focal person
Republic of Korea	22415	Crawled from KoreaMed by IMICAMS
Singapore	226	Online system upload by focal person, Crawled from PubMed
Viet Nam	0	
WPRO	25	Online system upload by focal person



Contribution to Global Index Medicus (GIM)

As of August 30, 2019:  
There are **708,299** articles in the  
WPRIM database.

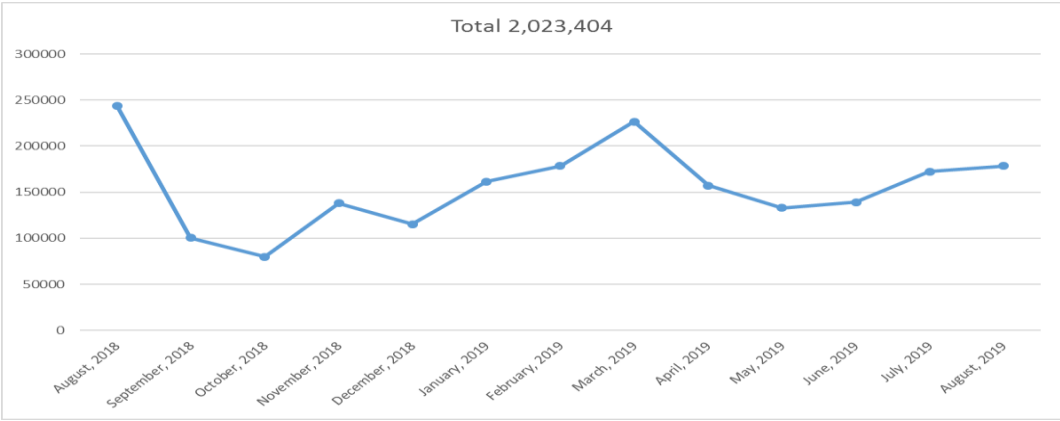
Country	No. of WPRIM articles in GIM	No. of articles Without <Language>	No. of articles Without <Keywords>	No. of articles Without <MeSH>	No. of articles Without <Affiliation>
Brunei Darussalam	189	3	107	150	3
Cambodia	9	0	0	9	0
China	396 966	3	141 632	275 265	162244
Fiji	17	0	9	17	0
Japan	18 959	2 988	10 228	18 224	6143
Lao PDR	15	0	0	15	0
Malaysia	5949	16	1 724	4 196	673
Mongolia	257	0	81	257	102
Papua New Guinea	364	0	259	205	168
Philippines	2180	1363	1 454	103	2 034
Republic of Korea	236 369	272	37 436	5 086	224 914
Singapore	3337	24	2850	371	767
Viet Nam	6415	0	0	1	710
WPRO	254	62	112	254	2

## Website traffic statistics (from July,2018 to August,2019)



General Statistics		
Hits	Entire Site(Successful)	15,000,563
	Average Per Day	31,186
	Home Page	49,771
Page View	Page Views(Impressions)	10,223,666
	Average Per Day	2,066,379
	Documents Views	79,891
Visits	Visits	2,067,394
	Average Per Day	4,298
	Average Visit Length	13:01
Clicks	Clicks	15,000,563
	Clicks from United States	2,457,442
Visitors	Unique Visitors	34,524
	Visitors Who Visited Once	7,125
	Visitors Who Visited More Than Once	27,399

Website traffic statistics  
(from July,2018 to August,2019)



III. Global Index Medicus (GIM)



- WPRIM entries will soon be available in the new platform of the Global Index Medicus (GIM)
- GIM is a federated searching platform of all available index medici databases managed by 5 WHO Regional Libraries including WPRO

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DISCUSSIONS

**WORLD HEALTH  
ORGANIZATION**



**ORGANISATION MONDIALE  
DE LA SANTE**

**REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC  
BUREAU REGIONAL DU PACIFIQUE OCCIDENTAL**

## **WESTERN PACIFIC REGION INDEX MEDICUS (WPRIM)**

### **Journal Selection Criteria**

The following journal selection criteria were reviewed and revised by the representatives of the National Journal Selection Committees during the WPRIM Regional Journal Selection Committee Meeting held in Xi'an, China on 3 September 2019:

- cover health and biomedical subject;
- be peer-reviewed, either internally or externally;
- have English abstracts;

This criterion was revised as, articles must have English abstracts for research articles but not necessarily for special sections. Articles without English abstracts already in the database were recommended to be retained based on this revised criterion.

- be regularly published (at least 2 issues per year). However, if the journal is published only once a year, it will encourage to increase its frequency to at least two issues per year: and
- include "Instructions to Authors" reviewed and accepted by the National Journal Selection Committees.
- must have an electronic and/or print International Standard Serial Number (ISSN)

This criterion is an additional to the present five journal selection criteria.

#### **Note:**

National Journal Selection Committees may decide to add country-specific criteria to the minimum journal selection criteria stated above. For example, the registration of clinical trials as a scientific and ethical responsibility.

## ANNEX 5

### Attendance Check-List BOD 2019

<input type="checkbox"/> President	<u>Prof. Burmaajav Badrakh (Mongolia)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Vice President	<u>Prof. Erlinda Palaganas (Philippines)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Vice President (Internal)	<u>Prof. Qian Qing (China)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Vice President (External)	<u>Prof. Amorn Leelarasamee (Thailand)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary – General	<u>Prof. Aik Saw (Malaysia)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Immediate Past President	<u>Prof. Wilfred CG Peh (Singapore)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Director (IMSEAR)	<u>Dr. Vivi Setiawaty (Indonesia)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Director (WPRIM)	<u>Dr. Sing Menorath (Lao PDR)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Education and Training	<u>Ms. Merlita Opeña (Philippines)</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Ethics and Editorial Policy	<u>Prof. Shamima Parvin Lasker (Bangladesh)</u>
	<u>Prof. Nicholas J. Talley (Australia)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> IT and Library	<u>Mr. Masamichi Kitagawa (Japan)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Asst. Prof. Sakda Vallipakorn (Thailand)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> APAMED Central	<u>Prof. Oh Hoon Kwon (Republic of Korea)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> WHO WPRIM Liaison	<u>Ms. Chandani Thapa</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> WHO IMSEAR Liaison	<u>Ms. Deepti Munjal</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> APAME International Liaison	<u>Prof. Peter L Munk</u>

## APAME Board of Directors Meeting 2019



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Dear Colleagues,



With warm regards,  
**Prof. Burmaajav Badrakh, MD, PhD, DSc(Med)**

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**2018 General Assembly of Asia Pacific Association of Medical Editors (APAME)**  
17 July 2018, Bogor, Indonesia

1. General Assembly of the Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME)

1.1 The APAME Meeting was called to order at 1:00PM by Dr. Wilfred Peh, president.

1.2 The body reviewed the minutes of the 2016 meeting in Bangkok, also noting the discussions in 2017 in Vientiane which was part of the WPRIM proceedings emailed 13 July 2018. The minutes were approved as presented.

1.3 Matters arising from the minutes of previous meeting were as follows:

1.3.1 Considering the movement of people, the following were the new liaisons:

- a. WHO WPRIM Liaison : Ms. Chandani Thapa
- b. WHO IMSEAR Liaison : Ms. Deepti Munjal
- c. International Liaison : Prof. Peter L. Munk

1.3.2 "Ad Hoc" was deleted from APAMED Central (Ad Hoc)

1.4 Activity Reports

1.4.1 Dr. Peh reported that APAME has now 218 members from 48 countries: 109 from Western Pacific and 106 from South-East Asia; and three associate members from Canada (2) and Iran (1). Eighteen new members from nine countries joined APAME as of March 2018. Individual membership was encouraged. Those interested were advised to visit <http://wpro.who.int/apame/> for more information on APAME.

1.4.2 Committee on Education and Training. Ms. Opeña reported five APAME- endorsed training in Lao PDR, Myanmar, Vietnam and the Philippines. In all these training, resource persons from APAME were invited. Two committee members were also invited to present APAME in three international conferences. The committee welcomes proposals for 2019 and beyond especially those for in less developed countries.

On the question of APAME-endorsed training, Dr. Peh clarified that the Education Committee requires from the organizers the training syllabus because it is important to ensure the quality standards. Dr. Sam Matthew, editor-in-chief of the Indian Journal of Novel Drug Delivery System offered his availability as a resource person for APAME training.

The body suggested to post in the APAME website the schedule of training as well as information resources like reading materials.

1.4.3 Ethics and Editorial Policy. Prof. Lasker presented the activities undertaken by the 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 COPE. On the other hand, Bangladesh held training on research in publication ethics and membership of research committees, and a workshop on academic integrity.

How should we look at the training on publication ethics, should this be endorsed by APAME? Like those of the education committee, there's a need to disseminate the training schedule as well as make accessible information materials re these.

#### 1.4.4 IT and Library Committee.

The 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. Data cleaning is also emphasized for contributors. Improving the system and data quality is expected to attract more traffic to WPRIM.

An orientation and training workshop is set for WPRIM focal persons, (librarians and IT staff) on the new system, to be hosted by IMICAMS.

#### 1.4.5 APAMED Central

Prof. Chang presented the new interface of APAMED Central as well as the partnerships being pursued. He asked how can APAMED Central become A WPRIM-recognized partner? Should a memorandum of understanding be executed? Discussions with WHO-WPRO will have to be started concerning this matter.

### 1.5 Amendments to the Constitution

#### 1.5.1 Proposed Amendment No. 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, the following amendments were proposed via email:

#### Article V MEMBERSHIP

- 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*  
*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.*
- d. *Change numbering of Section 3- Admission to Membership to Section 4 – Admission to Membership*

The amendments were unanimously approved in the voting by email. The Meeting affirmed the approval.

### 1.5.2 Proposed Amendment No. 2

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

*from*

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."

*to*

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The amendments were unanimously approved in the voting by email.

A member raised the issue of excluding a candidate from a country from which a former APAME president came from. Considering that members come from 48 countries, it is likely that an eligible nominee is available from other countries. This is in the spirit of equitable representation and rotation of leadership.

Another suggested to soften the wording, however, no alternative wording was agreed on.

The discussions, notwithstanding, the Meeting affirmed voting by email. The amendment was approved.

### 1.6 Election of New Board Members

Nominations were put forward, and voting by consensus followed. The new set of officers for 2018-2020 are as follows:

President	Prof. Burmaajav Badrakh (Mongolia)
Executive Vice President	Prof. Erlinda Palaganas (Philippines)
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Director (WPRIM)	Dr. Sing Menorath (Lao PDR)

The Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs are as follows:

Education and Training	Ms. Merlita Opeña (Philippines) Dr. Sun Tun (Myanmar)
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WHO Global Health Library Liaison	
WHO WPRIM Liaison	Ms. Chandani Thapa
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APAME International Liaison	Prof. Peter L Munk

### 1.7 Other Matters :

1.7.1 : Prof Fang An from China proposed that the APAME 2019 congress will be held in Beijing. There was no objection from the members.

1.7.2 : Prof Trevor Lane from Australia also expressed the intention to host the APAME 2020 congress in his country. There was also no objection on this proposal.

## 2. Adjournment

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## 1<sup>st</sup> PAMJE (Philippines Association of Medical Journal Editors) Convention

- Country : Philippines
- Date : 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019
- Venue : Pan Pacific Manila, Malate, Manila.
- Homepage : <https://tinyurl.com/1stPAMJECon>.



## Fiji Research Writing ,Editing and Reviewing Workshop

- Country : Fiji
- Date : 26<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> March 2019
- Venue : Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi
- Host : Ministry pf Health & Medical Services, Fiji.



## APAME 2019 in Xian, China

- Country : China
- Date : 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2019
  - WPRIM regional journal selection meeting
  - APAME BOD meeting
- Date : 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019 :
  - APAME Scientific meeting
- Venue : Jianguo Hotel, Xian



## 2019 Asia Pacific Meeting of ISMPP (International Society for Medical Publication Professionals)

- Country : Japan
- Date : 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019
- Venue : Hilton Tokyo Shinjuku
- Homepage : <https://ismpp.memberclicks.net/asia-pacific-meeting>



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About ISMPP

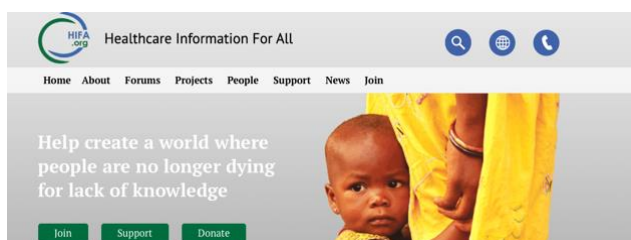




## Organizations seeking our collaboration

### Healthcare Information for All (HIFA)

- Invitation to join as **individual members**
- Invitation to join as ***HIFA Supporting Organization***
- Neil Pakenham / Lapena
- Action : Circulate to members
- Action : APAME should join as ***HIFA Supporting Organization***



## Organizations seeking our collaboration

### Request endorsement : Predatory Journals Joint Position

- Robert Matheis / Lapena
- Date 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019
- AMWA, EMWA, ISMPP
- Action 1 : Circulate
- Action 2 : APAME should show  
Endorsement on our  
homepage



## Organizations seeking our collaboration

### Declaration on Predatory (or Pseudo) Journals and Publishers (in 2020)

- Nicholas Talley / Saw Aik
- Date : 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019
- APAME / MJA
- Action : Endorsement / discussion during BOD meeting

## New APAME members

Approved in Bogor 2018

NAME	COUNTRY	INSTITUTION	JOURNAL
Ivan L. Lawag	Philippines	Adamson University	Adamson University Journal of Research
Nurul Atiqah	Malaysia	Malaysian Orthopaedic Association	Malaysian Orthopaedic Journal
Dr. Sharaf Ibrahim	Malaysia	Hospital Univ Kebangsaan Malaysia	Malaysian Orthopaedic Journal
Dr. Stephen Ambu	Malaysia	International Medical University, Malaysian Society of Parasitology & Tropical Medicine	Tropical Biomedicine
Dr. Jafri Malin Abdullah	Malaysia	Universiti Sains Malaysia	Medical Journal of Medical Sciences
Dr Thao Nguyen Thanh	Viet Nam	Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy / Journal of Medicine and Pharmacy	
Dr. Anjana Maharjan	Nepal	National Academy of Medical Sciences, Bir Hospital, Kathmandu, Nepal	Journal of Nepal Dental Association
Dr. Birendra Raj Joshi	Nepal	Institute of Medicine, Tribhuvan University	Nepalese Journal of Radiology

## New APAME members

### APAME MEMBERS:

WPRO :  $109 + 6 = 115$  members

SEARO :  $106 + 2 = 108$  members

3 Associate Members :

- 2 Canada
- 1 Iran

Total members :  $118 + 8 = \underline{226}$  members

We welcome individual memberships

<http://www.wpro.who.int/apame/>

## New APAME members

To be approved in Xian 2019

NAME	COUNTRY	INSTITUTION	JOURNAL
Dr. Mahmood Uz Jahan	Bangladesh	Bangladesh Medical Research Council	Bangladesh Medical Research Council Bulletin (BMRC Bulletin)
Rajib Chaulagain	Nepal	KIST Medical College	Journal of Nepal Health Research Council
Arizaldo E. Castro	Philippines	Department of Health - Health Research Division	
Dr. Mohammad Abdullah Yusuf	Bangladesh	Dept. of Microbiology, National Institute of Neurosciences & Hospital, Dhaka, BD	Bangladesh Journal of Infectious Diseases; Journal of National Institute of Neurosciences Bangladesh; Journal of Science Foundation;
Rudolf Cymorr Kirby P. Martinez	Philippines	San Beda University	Journal of Health and Caring Sciences
Gil P. Soriano	Philippines	San Beda University	Journal of Health and Caring Sciences
Rajesh Ramasamy	Malaysia	Universiti Putra Malaysia	Malaysian Journal of Medicine and Health Sciences (MJMHS)
Prof Mehmet Murat Sucu	Turkey	Gaziantep University	Gaziantep Medical Journal

## New APAME members

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SEARO :  $108 + 3 = \underline{111}$  members

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- 1 Iran
- 1 Turkey

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## Education and Training



### Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors Education and Training Committee Report 2018-2019

**APAME Board Meeting & General Assembly**

**3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019**

**Xi'an, China**

Merlita M. Opeña, Chair

Co-Chair: Sun Tun, Co-Chair

Jose Florencio F. Lapeña, Jr. Wilfred C.G. Peh, Members

### APAME-WPRIM Meeting Bogor, Indonesia, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018





## MEDICAL WRITING WORKSHOP

- 14th National Medical Writing Workshop and 5th Writeshop for Young Researchers (PCHRD & PAMJE; endorsed by APAME)
- 6-7 August 2018, Camp John Hay, Baguio City
- 38 participants
- 2 speakers
- 9 mentors



## MEDICAL WRITING WORKSHOP

- Medical Writing Workshop, Columbia Asia Radiology Group, Columbia Asia Referral Hospital
- 13-14 August 2018, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore, India





## PEER REVIEW WORKSHOP

- Philippine Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine Peer Review Workshop
- 2 September 2018, Rockwell Ortigas, Pasig City



## MEDICAL WRITING WORKSHOP

- Introductory Medical Writing for Publication Workshop organized by the Metro Manila Health Research Development Consortium (MMHRDC) in partnership with Far Eastern University – Manila
- 4 December 2018, Far Eastern University Manila







## EDITING AND PEER REVIEW WORKSHOP

- Introduction to Editing and Peer Reviewing Workshop, Ho Chi Minh City Medical Association and HCMC University of Medicine and Pharmacy
- 10-11 January 2019, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam



## PEER REVIEW WORKSHOP

- Peer Review Workshop 2, Philippine Journal of Cardiology
- 26 January 2019, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Manila







## MEDICAL WRITING WORKSHOP

- 15th National Medical Writing Workshop & 6th Writeshop for Young Researchers (PCHRD & PAMJE, endorsed by APAME)
- 29-30 January 2019, Palacio del Sur, Zamboanga City
- 34 participants
- 2 speakers
- 7 mentors



## EDITING AND PEER REVIEW WORKSHOP

- Editing and Reviewing Workshop, Ministry of Health and Medical Services (in conjunction with the National Consultation on Ethics and Governance of Human Research in Fiji)
- 28 March 2019, Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji





## MEDICAL WRITING WORKSHOP

- Basic Medical Writing Workshop, Ministry of Health and Medical Services (in conjunction with the National Consultation on Ethics and Governance of Human Research in Fiji)
- 29 March 2019, Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji



## MEDICAL WRITING WORKSHOPS

- 16th National Medical Writing Workshop & 7th Writeshop for Young Researchers (PCHRD & PAMJE, endorsed by APAME)
- 13-14 August 2019, Limketkai Luxe Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City, The Philippines
- 35 participants
- 3 speakers
- 7 mentors



### **FUTURE ACTIVITES 2019-2020**



- Scientific Writing Workshop organized by the Faculty of Medicine, Chiang Mai University. Endorsed by APAME. Chiang Mai, Thailand, 18-19 November 2019
- Basic Medical Writing and Introductory Editing & Reviewing Workshops organized by the Myanmar Medical Association and University of Medicine (2). Endorsed by APAME. Yangon, Myanmar, 26-27 November 2019
- National Medical Writing Workshop & Writeshop for Young Researchers (PCHRD & PAMJE, endorsed by APAME), Bohol, The Philippines, January 2020
- PAMJE 2<sup>nd</sup> annual convention, March 2020

### **FUTURE ACTIVITES 2019-2020**



- The Education Committee of APAME welcomes proposals for future workshops in 2019-2020 and beyond
- We are particularly keen to organize workshops in less developed countries

## Ethics and Editorial Policy

- No report

## IT and Library

### IT and Library Committee

Chair Mr. Masamichi Kitagawa (Japan)

Co-Chair Dr. Sakda Vallipakorn (Thailand)

## Training-Workshop on the WPRIM Database

- 19-21 November 2018
- Ritan Hotel, Beijing, China
- Hosted by IMICAMS
- 15 participants from 5 countries
- Fang An (IMICAMS, China), Qian Qing (IMICAMS, China), Wang Lei (IMICAMS, China), Yang Chen Liu (IMICAMS, China), Fan Yunman (IMICAMS, China), Violeta Intia (Philippines), Renante Bahala (Philippines), Phetsavanh Chanthavilay (Lao PDR), Masamichi Kitagawa (Japan), Satoshi Yokoyama (JST Japan), Li Qing (JST Japan), Low Lian Leng (Singapore), Alma Prosperoso (WHO WPRO), Helen Somerbang (WHO WPRO), Antonio Perez (WHO WPRO)

## WPRIM and Global Index Medicus (GIM)

- After the Training-Workshop, contributing countries checked the structured data format provided by IMICAMS as part of the preparations for the GIM contribution.
- Metadata requirements such as the inclusion of abstracts, keywords and MeSH will be confirmed with BIREME if it's a required field for data contribution.

## WPRIM User and Data Management Manual

- 2019 Edition was compiled by WHO WPRIM, IMICAMS

## Training-Workshop WPRIM & CMeSH

- 5 September 2019
- Ritan Hotel, Xi-an, China
- Hosted by IMICAMS

## APAMED Central

- Prof In Hong Choi reported on behalf on Prof Oh Hoon Kwon.
- Explained the problem faced by APAMED Central with the change of financial and human resources from various sectors
- Content has not been updated last 2 years. Slightly less than 20 journals have been indexed.
- Need to know more about the actual running expenses, and get feedback from journals involved whether they can partially contribute towards the cost.

## APAME Board of Directors Meeting 2019



### Agenda :

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4. Activity report by secretary general
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- 6. Other matters**
7. End of meeting

## Other matters

1. APAME 2020 in Sydney
2. APAME Declaration 2020
3. Visit Xian Medical University
4. Others .....

## APAME 2020



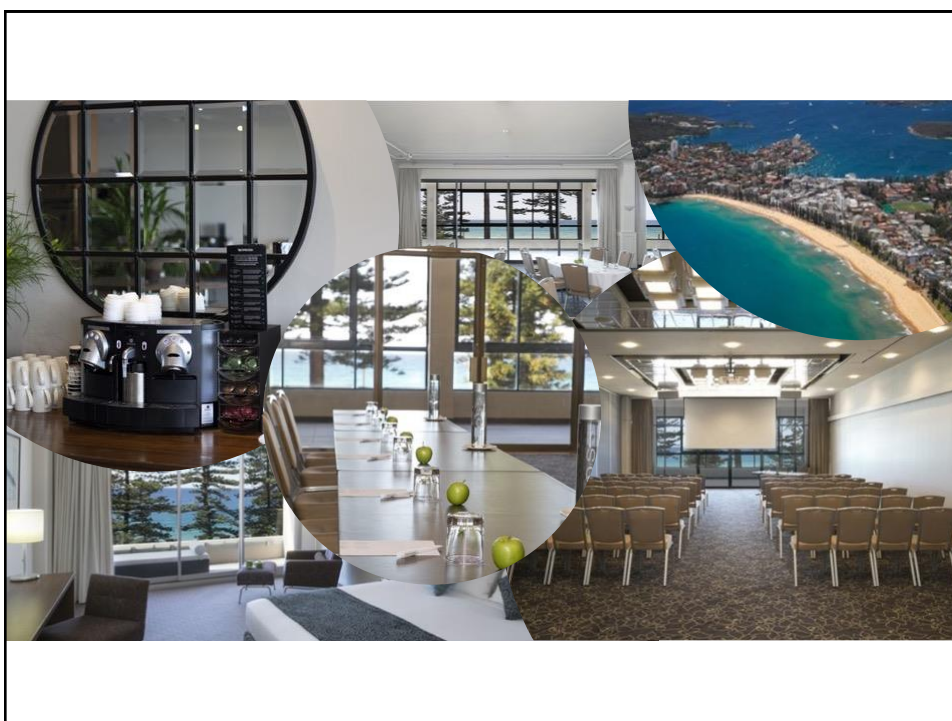
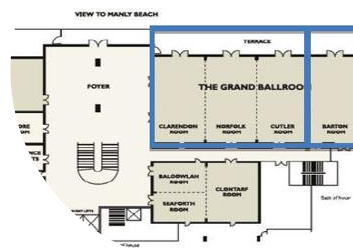


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## Accommodation



### Standard Room

A spacious room located mainly in the courtyard building, our Standard Rooms offer a choice of either one King bed or two Queen beds, ensuite with a walk-in shower or ensuite with a shower and bath, work area, 40" Smart TV, internet access, hair dryer, safe, mini-bar, tea/coffee facilities and most with balconies. These rooms can accommodate up to two adults.



### Superior District View Room

With modern furnishings and calming colours, our Superior District View Rooms feature either a choice of one King size bed or two Queen size beds. Rooms feature tranquil views of the Manly district and most have private balconies along with ensuite with walk-in shower, work area, 40" Smart TV, internet access, hair dryer, safe, mini-bar and tea/coffee facilities. These rooms can accommodate up to two adults.



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Spread out and relax in a luxurious Two-Bedroom Ocean View Suite – a popular choice for sharing, couples and extended-stay guests seeking extra comfort. These beautifully designed suites feature a relaxing lounge and a dining area with sweeping ocean views and two separate bathrooms. The master bedroom features one King bed, and the second bedroom features one King or two Single beds. Maximum occupancy is four adults.

### Next Steps

- Meeting programme plan to commence September 2019.
- Seek funding to support attendance of delegates from low-mid income countries
- MJA to engage event planning company to begin finer details.
- MJA assembling prospectus to officially go out to sponsors, seeking sponsorship revenue.



## APAME Declaration 2020

### Declaration on Predatory (or Pseudo) Journals and Publishers

1. It is unethical to be employed or act as the editor of a predatory or pseudo-journal, defined as a journal which does not undertake proper editorial and peer review consistent with accepted standards.
2. It is unethical to be the member of the editorial board of a predatory (or pseudo-) medical journal.
3. It is unethical to publish an article in a predatory(or pseudo-) medical journal. The senior or lead author of a research manuscript is primarily responsible for ensuring their research paper is only submitted to a genuine medical journal that undertakes appropriate editorial and peer review.

Secretary General of APAME. /. Dr. Saw Aik,

- Considering his great contribution to the APAME activities since its establishment in 2008 as well as its preparatory period, members of the Organizing Member of JAMJE, an association member of APAME, strongly recommend Dr. Jeong-Wook Seo from Republic Korea to be given an honorary position of APAME.
- Since there are no such honorary position in APAME constitution, We propose two following items to be included in the agenda of the forthcoming meeting of meeting of forth coming General Assembly in Xian in 4 September 2019
- Amendment of the Constitution to have honorary position with suitable name such as Special Advisor or Honorary Advisor, and its function
- Selection of Dr. Seo for that position

*Need to apply formally for decision to be made during GA next year.*

*Kiyoshi KITAMURA, former President of APAME, Chair JAMJE*  
*Kiichiro TSUTANI, founding member of JAMJE*  
*Masamichi KITAGAWA, founding member of JAMJE*  
*Members of the Organizing Committee of JAMJE*

- Prof Wilfred informed that we should invite interested parties to propose the 2021 venue for APAME convention.
- We may start to ask interested parties, and maybe set a deadline for those interested to host it

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