

EMAME and EMMJ Conferences

Eastern Mediterranean Association of Medical Editors (EMAME) was founded under the umbrella of the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean, during the first conference on medical journals in the region, held in Cairo, Egypt in October, 2003. Dr. Najib Al-Shorbaji and Jane Nicholson from WHO EMRO played a vital role in its formation. Ms. Jane Nicholson continues to be an important pillar of EMAME as a liaison between the association, WHO and the membership at large.

Since 2003 these conferences have been held by EMAME every two years in collaboration with national association of medical editors and / or journals in various countries. The first conference in Cairo was followed by the second in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (2004), Shiraz, Iran (2006) and Bahrain (2008). Pakistan hosted the 5th conference held at College of Physicians & Surgeons Pakistan from December 2-5, 2010 in collaboration with Pakistan Association of Medical Editors (PAME).

These conferences bring together editors, editorial staff, reviewers and referees of biomedical journals, besides national programme officers responsible for standard setting of health science journals from the region. Academicians, eminent medical writers and medical journalists from Europe also participate for exchange of views.

Conference Objectives

- * To promote cooperation and communication between editors of medical journals in the region and throughout the world.
- * To improve quality of medical journals by promoting professionalism in medical editing through education, self criticism and self governance.
- * To promote research in peer review and medical editing.
- * To promote free access to medical journals.
- * To promote international indexing
- * To provide forum for training of medical editors and other supporting staff.

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