

Resources available for Training of Editors

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One of the aims of Eastern Mediterranean Association of Medical Editors (EMAME) is to improve editorial standards and promote professionalism in the field of medical editing through education, self criticism and self guidance. Most of the editors of biomedical journals in the EMRO Region have learnt on the job training through trials and error basis. However, now for those who can afford various resources are available for the training of editors.

A number of organizations are running courses on training of editors but mostly they are working in the developed countries and it may not be possible for most of the Editors from the less developed countries to attend them. For those who can afford, attending the conferences on medical journalism is quite helpful. In addition many books are now available. Islamic Republic of Iran is trying to promote medical journalism course which will lead to Master's Degree. Establishing linkage between editorial offices of East and the West could be another useful source.

Eastern Mediterranean Association of Medical Editors (EMAME) has established an Editors Committee. It is headed by Dr. Farrokh Habibzadeh from Islamic Republic of Iran, who is Director at large of World Association of Medical Editors (WAME). Ms. Jane Nicholson Editor, Eastern Mediterranean Region of World Health Organization at regional office in Cairo, Egypt heads the Education and Training Committee of EMAME. Efforts are being made and hopefully in not too distant future, training workshops will be available and training modules will be circulated. Ministry of Health, Universities and other relevant institutions in the respective countries should promote workshops and courses training the trainers. Promoting local training of editors by local trainers will be ideal and most cost effective.

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