

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MEDICAL EDITING (NCME)

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Venue: Army Medical College, Abid Majid Road, Rawalpindi, Pakistan

Dates: Monday to Wednesday, April 23-25, 2007

PROGRAMME

DAY 1: MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007

Inaugural Session : Ayub Auditorium 1900 – 2030, followed by Dinner

Moderator: Shaukat Ali Jawaid,
Managing Editor, Pakistan Journal of Medical Sciences

1900	Recitation from Holy Quran	
1903	Welcome & Aims/Objectives of the conference	Maj Gen Muhammad Aslam Chairman, Organizing Committee & Principal, Army Medical College
1910	Key Note Address	Prof. Tahir Saeed Haroon President, Pakistan Medical Journalists Association
1920	Can Medical Journals Contribute to the National Health?	Mrs. Jane Nicholson Editor, WHO Regional Office for the Easteren Mediterranean, Cairo.
1935	State of the Art lecture 'Current Excitement in health biotechnology'	Dr Anwar Nasim Advisor Science, COMSTECH
1950	Address by Chief Guest	Prof. Ata-ur-Rehman Federal Minister & Chairman, Higher Education Commission, Pakistan
2010	Presentation of Souvenirs/ Vote of thanks	Dr. Maqbool H. Jafary Member, Organizing Committee & Chief Editor, Pakistan Journal of Medical Science
2030	Dinner	

DAY 2: TUESDAY, April 24, 2007

Venue: Lecture Hall No.2, New Academic Block,
Army Medical College

Session I 9.00 – 11.00 am

Medical Editing Process in different countries

Chairpersons: Dr. Farhad Handjani
Maj Gen Tassawar Hussain
Moderator: Brig Azhar Mubarik

0900	Pakistan:	Duties of an editor: difficulties encountered	Dr. Fatema Jawad
0915	Pakistan:	Different steps in the process of editing	Shaukat Ali Jawaid
0930	Iran:	A bird's eye view of biomedical editing in Iran	Dr. Farrokh Habibzade
0945	UAE:	Core skills of effective medical writing	Dr. Diaa Rizk
1000	Bahrain:	Medical Editing: Bahrain Experience	Dr. Ahmed Jamal
1015	Saudi Arabia:	Editing at 'Annals of Saudi Medicine'	Dr. J. T. Cathey
1030	Discussion/ Souvenir presentation		
10.45	Tea Break		

Session II 1100 – 1300

Peer Review Process/Problems faced by editors/Publication ethics

Chairpersons: Prof. Nasir Khokhar
Prof. Jehan Ara Pal
Moderator: Dr. Akhtar Sherin

1100	Editorship in our region: challenges and possible solutions	Dr. Farhad Handjani
1115	How to improve cooperation between the editors	Prof. Manzar Salim
1130	Medical editing: can challenges be converted to opportunities	Prof. Khaliqzaman
1145	Peer review problems with peers	Dr. Huma Qureshi
1200	Publication ethics: science at its informative best	Dr. Diaa Rizk
1215	Challenges in starting a new journal	Prof. Nazeer Khan
1230	Discussion/ Souvenir presentation	
1300	Lunch & Prayers	

Session III 1400-1600

Menace of Duplicate Publications/Plagiarism

1400	Plagiarism: risks, limits and responsibilities	Dr. Ahmad Badar
1415	How to discover plagiarism	Dr. M.B. Rokni
1430	Dealing with publication misconduct	Dr. Arash Etemadi
1445	Preventing duplicate & fragmented publication at "Annals of Saudi Medicine"	Dr. John T. Cathey
1500	Problems of medical writing & editing in developing countries	Prof. A. Majid Chaudhry
1515	Assessing the quality of peer review: An uphill task	Dr. Jamshaid Akhtar
1530	Discussion/ Souvenir presentation	
1600	Tea	
2000	Dinner & Cultural program: Ayub Auditorium	
	Chief Guest:	Prof. M.Zafrullah Chaudhry President, CPSP

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, April 25, 2007

Venue: Lecture Hall No.2, New Academic Block,
Army Medical College

Session I 9.00 – 11.00 am

Uniform requirements/Indexation/Impact Factor/ E-publishing

Chairpersons: Dr. John T Cathey
Maj Gen M. Rehan Burney
Moderator: Prof. Ahmad Iqbal

0900	Common statistical mistakes in published articles in Middle East biomedical journals	Dr. Farrokh Habibzade
0915	Uniform requirements of submission: Pakistani view	Prof. Mansoor Ahmad
0930	Visibility of a journal: Is indexation in Medline crucial?	Dr. Maqbool Jafary
0945	Indexing of the Middle-East medical journals	Prof. Abdolkarim Vessal
1000	Journal Impact Factor	Brig. Azhar Mubarik
1015	E-publishing: Are we ready for it?	Dr. Masood Jawaid
1030	Discussion/ Souvenir presentation	
11.00	Tea Break	

Session II 1130 – 1245

Panel Discussion: Training of Editors

(5-7 mins. for each panelist, followed by Discussion)

Chairpersons: Dr. Farrokh Habibzade
Brig. Mohammad Luqman
Moderator: Mrs. Jane Nicholson

Topics	Panelists
- Who should be an editor?	Maj. Gen. M. Aslam
- What are the resources available for training?	Dr. Farhad Handjani
- Role of national Associations in training	Shaukat Ali Jawaid
- Effectiveness of full time vs. part-time editors	Dr. Ahmad Badar
- How can the editors guide the reviewers?	Prof. Ijaz Hussain

Discussions/Souvenir presentation

Concluding Session 1300 – 1345

Chief Guest: Lt. Gen. Mushtaq Ahmad Baig
Surgeon General/DGMS, Pakistan Army
Moderator: Brig. Muzammil H Najmi

- Recitation from Holy Quarn
 - Review of the proceeding of the conference
 - Brief Comments about the conference
 - Recommendations
 - Address by the Chief Guest
 - Souvenir presentation
- Maj Gen M. Aslam
Chairman, Organizing Committee
- Mrs. Jane Nicholson
- Dr. Farrokh Habibzade
- Maj Gen Farooq Ahmad Khan
Dr. Maqbool Jafary
Lt. Gen. Mushtaq Ahmad Baig

1345 Lunch & prayers