

SAUDI MEDICAL JOURNAL 25TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT
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SATELLITE COURSE
RESEARCH IN OUR REGION: CURRENT STATUS AND A WINDOW TO THE FUTURE

10 OCTOBER 2004

Sunday 10th October 2004		
08:00 – 10:05	SESSION 1	
8.00 – 8.05	Course Introduction	<i>Basim Yaqub, SMJ</i>
8.05 - 8.30	Introduction to Research	<i>Dirk Deleu, Qatar</i>
8.30 - 8.55	Importance of research in developing countries	<i>Farrokh Habibzadeh, Iran</i>
8.55 – 9.20	Current status of research in our region	<i>Walid Maani, Jordan</i>
9.20 - 9.45	Status of Saudi Pharmaceutical Publications: Present and Future	<i>Othman Al-Shabanah, KACST</i>
9.45 – 10.10	Core skills of effective medical writing including research projects	<i>Diaa Rizk, UAE</i>
10.10-10:30	BREAK	
10:30 – 12:30	SESSION 2	
10.30 – 11.00	KACST's Experience: A Quarter Century of Funding Scientific Research	<i>Abdulrahman Al-Abdul Aali, KSA</i>
11.00 – 11.30	Cochrane and other systemic reviews & meta –analysis	<i>Andrew Herxheimer, UK</i>
11.30 – 12.00	How to write an acceptable research project and manuscript	<i>Bruce Squires, Canada</i>
12.00 – 12.30	Randomized Control Study versus Observational Study: Indications & Methodology	<i>Andrew Herxheimer, UK</i>
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH	

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13:30 – 14:25

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Keynote Address

SMJ, Past, Present and Future
Saleh Al-Deeb, KSA

Welcome from KACST
Saleh Al-Athel, KSA

Welcome from WHO EMRO
Najeeb Al-Shorbaji, WHO EMRO

Welcome from ISESCO
Mostapha Ahmed Ali, ISESCO

Future of EMAME
Basim A. Yaqub, KSA

Welcome Address

Khalaf Al-Moutaery, KSA

Ketab Al-Otaibi, KSA

Opening Address

HRH Prince Khalid Bin Sultan Bin Abdul-Aziz

14:30 – 19:00

STATISTICAL WORKSHOP

Coffee and snacks will be served
during the workshop

Moderator:

Tajammal Mustafa,
KSA

Faculty: Dirk Deleu,
Qatar, Nazeer Khan,
KSA

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Monday 11th October 2004		
08:00 – 10:15	<i>Session 1: Medical Journals in our region</i>	
8.00 - 8.20	Biomedical publication outputs in our region (1988-2003)	<i>Ghazi Tadmouri, UAE</i>
8.20 - 8.35	The Challenges of medical publishing in Africa (from zero to Medline)	<i>James Tumwine, FAME</i>
8.35 – 8.50	Prospect of medical publishing in Arabic	<i>Bassel Atallah, Lebanon</i>
8.50 - 9.05	Establishing an Arabic-language medical journal; the experience of Medical Arabization Magazine	<i>Ehab Abdelrahim M. Ali, Kuwait</i>
9.05 - 9.20	Developments in medical journalism in Pakistan after the WHO Regional Conference, Cairo, 2003	<i>Shaukat Ali Jawaïd, Pakistan</i>
9.20 - 9.35	Evaluation of medical research quality in Iranian biomedical journals	<i>Arash Etemadi, Iran</i>
9.35 – 9.50	Medical Journals in Sudan	<i>Mahdi Shamad, Sudan</i>
9.50 - 10.05	Palestinian Biomedical journals, an absolute necessity	<i>Haitham Idriss, Palestine</i>
10:05 – 10:30	BREAK	
10.30 – 12.00	<i>Session 2: Editorship</i>	
10.30 – 11.00	Role of Journal Editors in promoting good scientific writing	<i>Robert Daroff, USA</i>
11.00 – 11.30	The rights and responsibilities of medical journal editors	<i>Bruce Squires, Canada</i>
11.30 – 11.45	Experience of having a national committee backing the medical journals	<i>Mohamed Elbadawi, Egypt</i>
11.45 – 12.00	Remote editing and publishing of medical research in the EMR	<i>Sajjeev Antony, Oman</i>
12:00 – 13:00	LUNCH & PRAYER	

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13:00 – 15:45	<i>Session 3: Peer review and publications</i>	
13.00 – 13.30	Peer Review	<i>Bruce Squires, Canada</i>
13.30 – 13.45	Peer review among young doctors	<i>Ahmed El-Hassan, KSA</i>
13.45 – 14.00	Reviewing & evaluation of medical papers	<i>Ahmed S. El-Morsy, Egypt</i>
14.00 – 14.15	Web-based manuscript submission and peer review: the experience of the Annals of Saudi Medicine	<i>John Cathey, KSA</i>
14.15 – 14.30	Absence of evidence vs. evidence of absence	<i>Farrokh Habibzadeh, Iran</i>
14.30 – 14.45	Medical journalism and the informed consent process: where do we stand	<i>Farhad Handjani, Iran</i>
14.45 – 15.00	Difficulties and problems facing the Saudi Journal of Ophthalmology	<i>Ali Al-Rajhi, KSA</i>
15.00 – 15.15	Importance of statistics in scientific writing	<i>Fikri Abu-Zidan, UAE</i>
15.15 – 15.30	The Art of Scientific Writing	<i>Jaffar Al-Bareeq, Bahrain</i>
15:30 – 16:00	BREAK	
16.00 – 17.00	<i>Session 4: E-Journalism & Indexing</i>	
16.00 – 16.30	E-Journalism and its impact on availability of and accessibility to health and biomedical information	<i>Najeeb Al-Shorbaji, WHO EMRO</i>
16.30-16-45	Importance of indexing journals in our region	<i>Aida El-Azzouny, Egypt</i>
16.45-17.00	Does the number of authors per article affect indexing of biomedical journals	<i>Mina Roshanipoor, Iran</i>
20:00	CONFERENCE DINNER	<i>RKH</i>

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Tuesday 12th October 2004		
08:00 – 10:45	Session 5: Medical Ethics	
8.00 – 8.30	Medical Ethics & Scientific Misconduct	Robert Daroff, USA
8.30 – 9.00	How should medical journals deal with reports of harm	Andrew Herxheimer, UK
9.00 – 9.20	National procedures for following up the ethics of biomedical scientific research	Abdulaziz Al-Suwailem, KACST
9.20 – 9.35	Survey of Ethical Issues related to Publication in Biomedical Journals in the WHO EMR	Ahmed Abdou, Presenter, Jane Nicholson, Co-author, EMRO
9.35 – 9.50	The role and the need of national bioethics board	Maqbool Jafary, Pakistan
9.50 – 10.05	Countering plagiarism in the net age	Ahmed Badar, Pakistan
10.05 – 10.20	Islamic Ethic Guidelines in Genomics Research: A Public Health Initiative	Aida Al-Aqeel, KSA
10.20 – 10.35	Role of Ombudsman in medical journals	Kanikaram Satyanarayana, India
10.35 – 10.50	WHO Bulletin Quality Control	Ramesh Shademani, WHO HQ
10:50 – 11:15	BREAK	
11:15 – 12.00	Special Lecture: How to run a successful Journal	Basim A. Yaqub, SMJ
12:00 – 13:00	LUNCH & PRAYER	
13:00 – 15:00	Session 6: Evaluation of published manuscripts (Evidence-based medicine)	
13.00 - 13.30	Evidence based medicine – Critical appraisal of therapy articles	Abdullah Alkhenizan, KSA
13.30 – 13.45	EBM publication: the Role of the peer reviewer	Mahmoud Elbarbary, KSA
13.45 – 14.00	Authorship for scientific papers	Dirk Deleu, Qatar
14.00 – 14.15	To request and publish authors' specific contributions to papers: What we believe, what we act	Mahboobeh Yadollahie, Iran
14.15 – 14.30	Reviewing the literature	
14.30 – 14.45	Dermatological publications in the Gulf cooperation council & KSA	Hassan Bella, KSA
14:45 – 15:00	Collaboration among Regional Publications	Khalid Al-Aboud, KSA
15:00 – 15:15	Neuroanatomy: An interdisciplinary journal	Shuja Tahir, Pakistan
		Mustafa Aldur, Hamdi Celik, Turkey
15:15 – 15:30	BREAK	
15:30-15:45	Poster Summaries	Bruce Squires, Canada
15:45-16:45	Session 7: Round table discussion The future of EMAME and the experience of other Associations	Bruce Squires (WAME), James Tumwine (FAME), Andrew Herxheimer (Cochrane/EASE), Najeeb Al-Shorbabji (WHO EMRO), Basim Yaqub (EMAME)
16:45	Conclusion and Recommendations	B. Yaqub