

Promoting editorial capacity in psychiatric journals in low and middle income countries (LAMIC)

Workshop at the World Psychiatric Association (WPA) International Congress, Beijing, China, September 2010

A workshop to promote editorial capacity for LAMIC journals - thus enhancing their chances of indexation- was hosted by members of the WPA Publications Section Operational Committee (Helen Herrman, Jair Mari, Christian Kielsing and Christopher P. Szabo) with Norman Sartorius, Zeping Xiao, Michael Phillips and Shekhar Saxena as discussants. Representatives from 5 non-indexed psychiatric journals - with a focus on Africa and Asia - participated. The participating journals were the *ASEAN Journal of Psychiatry* (representing Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia and Phillipines), *Current Psychiatry* (Egypt), *East Asia Archives of*

Psychiatry (Hong Kong), *Journal of the Pakistan Psychiatric Society* (Pakistan) and *Shanghai Archives of Psychiatry* (China). Each journal's editor presented an overview of their journal, covering aspects such as the geographical reach, frequency of publication, content, review process, editorial structure and funding. Direct feedback was given in terms of apparent strengths, weaknesses and readiness for application for indexation. A further workshop is planned for the 15th World Congress of Psychiatry to be held in Buenos Aires (September 2011) with a focus on Central and South American countries.



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