

## **Workshop on Medical editing**

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The workshop was conducted at the College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2010.

The main facilitators were Dr Saba Sohail (from JCPSP) and Dr Ana Marusic (from Croatian Medical Journal). Dr Farrokh Habibzadeh from Iran also helped supervise the proceedings and discussions.

Initially planned for 20-25 participants, the workshop was attended by over 40 delegates from Pakistan and abroad including Iran, Oman, Sudan and Bahrain.

The program started with on-site registration for the workshop followed by the introduction of the facilitators and the participants. The first part was 'Introduction to medical editing, types of editing and model working of a medical Editor' which was taken as a lecture by Dr Sohail. The next topic was 'Initial assessment of a manuscript' which was delivered as a very comprehensive lecture by Dr Marusic. Both lectures were interactive type with very active and lively discussion between the participants and the facilitators.

After the Tea break, a short lecture on 'assessing a revised article' was taken by Dr . Saba Sohail. This was followed by hands-on practice of how to do the initial assessment of a manuscript and how to assess a revised article. The participants were divided into pairs; material was given to them in form of an initial submission of an original article; they could check their comments against those by the editors later and then assess the extent of revision in the light of those comments. The practice was facilitated punctuated with one- to-one discussion.

At the conclusion, the participants gave their opinion about the workshop. Mr. Shaukat Ali Jawaid, on behalf of the Pakistan Association of Medical Editors and the Organizers, made the concluding remarks. The honorable Secretary of the College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan, Professor Alley Hassan Zaidi, distributed the certificates to the participants.