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ASIAN SCIENCE EDITORS' CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP 2014: A REPORT

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The Asian Science Editors' Conference and Workshop was organized by the Korean Council of Science Editors (KCSE) during 2 - 4 July 4, 2014 in Seoul, Korea. The event was supported by the Korean Federation of Science and Technology Societies (KOFST) and the Association of Academies and Societies of Sciences in Asia (AASSA). The Science editors from China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Mongolia, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, South Korea Thailand, Vietnam, and attended the three day Conference and Workshop. The aim of the workshop included defining a journal's goal in international market and devising an effective promotion plan, applying new international standards in Journal publishing and to discuss effective strategies to promote fruitful interactions among Asian science editors including the launch of Asian Council of Science Editors. Mr Madhvendra Narayan, Associate Editor, *IJHS* was nominated by the Academy to participate in the event.

The first three sessions of the inaugural day, 2nd July was devoted to discussion on Current Situation of Scientific Journals in Asia. It included oral as well as poster presentation by the editors of scientific journals published by national science academies, universities and scientific societies. The broad areas covered were current status of Asian scientific publications and challenges faced by them, research outputs of science and technology publications, role of publications in assessment in

higher education institutions, role of library as journal publisher, analysis of evaluation items for scholarly journals and how to increase the visibility of scientific journals from Asia. The closing session of the first day marked the inaugural assembly and launch of Council of Asian Science Editors (CASE). It discussed the background and purpose of the Council of Asian Science Editors which aims to improve the quality of science journals published in Asia through consulting and information exchange regarding editing and publishing in order to contribute to the development of science and human well-being. For the smooth functioning of CASE an Executive Board and five Standing Committees on Education and Training; Publication Ethics, Information and Publication; External Affairs and Advisory Committees were proposed each having around ten members to be constituted later on. The CASE will have around eighty members to start with.

The 2nd and 3rd day of the conference was devoted to a comprehensive workshop on issues related to science publishing. CrossRef made presentations on their services like DOI reference linking system and CrossCheck for prevention and protection from plagiarism. Wiley Asia Australia shared their experiences of publishing more than 1800 journals and partnering with 800 societies. The representative from PSP Consulting presented an overview of the world of journals and publishing industry.

The three day event provided an opportunity to learn various aspects of science editing and science publishing.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSA YOUNG HISTORIAN OF SCIENCE AWARD - 2015

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The awardee shall receive a **certificate**, a **bronze medal**, cash award of **Rs. 25,000/-** and seed amount to initiate research project and further scope for overseas training for advancement of career.

A candidate is to be nominated by a Fellow of the Indian National Science Academy and other National Scientific Societies, Vice Chancellors of Universities and Heads of Research Institutions.

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