

**The annual conference of the Indian Association of Medical Journal Editors (IAMJE)** was held at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, on November 16-17, 2013. There were two simultaneous workshops for medical writers as well as for reviewers. The conference was preceded by a seminar organised by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) on November 15, 2013. About 180 participants, who came from different states of India, took active, often vociferous, part in all the sessions.

The invited speakers included editors from India as well as from abroad. Those from India represented some of the older, established journals, as well as some relatively new journals in lesser known fields. The editors from abroad included Farokh Habibzadeh (President, World Association of Medical Editors), Christine Laine (Editor-in-Chief, *Annals of Internal Medicine* and Senior Vice President, American College of Physicians), Charlotte Haug (Vice Chair, COPE and Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of the Norwegian Medical Association*), Trish Groves (Deputy Editor, *BMJ* and Editor-in-Chief, *BMJ Open*), Margaret Winker (Senior Research Editor, *PLoS Medicine*) and Amitabh Prakash (Senior Editor, Adis, Springer and Editor-in-Chief, *Clinical Pharmacokinetics*).

All workshops and the seminar had hands on sessions where participants shared their views on real life problems that earlier editors had faced or offered opinions on papers that had been submitted to (or even been published in) journals. A wide range of issues that affect—and trouble—journal editors, such as impact factor and other metrics, misconduct in research and publication, conflict of interest, registration of clinical trials, and the rise of predatory journals were discussed and dissected in great detail.

The conference concluded with a business meeting of the IAMJE giving a history of the IAMJE and its revival, and deciding on the steps needed to take its agenda forward.