

## EDITORIAL

The Editorial Board of the Philippine Journal of Ophthalmology (PJO), represented by the Editor-in-Chief, is a member of the Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME), a nongovernmental, nonpartisan, and nonprofit organization that supports and promotes medical journalism in the Asia-Pacific region by fostering networking, education, discussion, and exchange of information and knowledge.<sup>1</sup>

The vision of APAME is to promote health care through the dissemination of high-quality knowledge and information on medicine in the Asia-Pacific region. Its mission is to contribute to the improvement of health in the Asia-Pacific region by ensuring the quality and dissemination of health-related information published in medical journals, which are utilized for better decision-making and effective delivery of health services.<sup>1</sup>

To achieve this, the objectives of APAME are: 1) to encourage collaboration and facilitate communication among medical journal editors in the region and globally; 2) to improve editorial standards and promote professionalism in medical editing through education, self-assessment, and self-governance; 3) to facilitate research writing and peer-review processes through training workshops, seminars and other activities; and 4) to foster the continuing education of medical journal editors, reviewers, editorial staff, publishers and librarians in the region.<sup>1</sup>

At the 2012 convention of the APAME held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from August 31 to September 3, 2012, the **“Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Promotion of Scholarly Writing Skills and Standards in the Asia Pacific Region”** was launched. The editors of the PJO have confirmed this commitment by publishing this special announcement.

Editor-in-Chief

### REFERENCE

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