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## Tokyo Declaration on Research Integrity and Ethical Publication in Science and Medicine in the Asia Pacific Region

*We, the participants in the Joint Meeting of the Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME), the Index Medicus for the South-East Asian Region (IMSEAR) and the Western Pacific Region Index Medicus (WPRIM) held in Tokyo from 2 to 4 August 2013:*

### **CONSIDERING**

*That overwhelming data in science and medicine may differ in their reliability and the quality control is important for compiling scientific and health information;*

*That equitable circulation of scientific and health information is facilitated by fair collaboration among policy makers, researchers, and industry sectors including pharmaceuticals and publishers.*

*That APAME, IMSEAR, and WPRIM are important collaborative initiatives that can implement the global guidelines for publication and dissemination of scientific and medical knowledge in an equitable and ethical manner;*

### **CONFIRM**

*Our commitment to endorse that scientific and medical knowledge is imperishable and should not be assessed evaluated by only economic or temporal considerations;*

*Our commitment to improve the quality and reliability of scientific and medical knowledge through the IMSEAR and WPRIM;*

*Our commitment to publish reliable and high quality information by education of researchers, implementation of fair review processes, and organization of networks through the APAME;*

*Our commitment to collaborate with publishers, academic or public libraries, and research bodies to achieve equitable and ethical publication and dissemination of scientific and medical knowledge;*

### **COMMIT**

*Ourselves, to publishing reliable and high-quality information, thereby setting the ethical standard for our colleagues, editors, and librarians in the Region;*

*Our publishers, to disseminate scientific and medical knowledge fairly and impartially through digital library services including, but not limited to, IMSEAR, WPRIM, and Global Health Library;*

*Our organization, APAME, to build further networks, convening conferences, and organizing events to educate and empower editors, peer reviewers, and authors to achieve internationally acceptable, but regionally realistic, scholarly standards.*

4 August 2013, Tokyo.

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