

SEAJME: 12 years of Progress

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Introduction

South East Asian Association of Medical Education (SEARAME) is one of the six regional associations under the umbrella of the World Federation of Medical Education (WFME, 2003), the global non-governmental organization dedicated to setting standards in medical education. SEARAME was established in 2006 with the aim of improving the quality and relevance of medical education in countries of the South East Asian region (SEAR) at all levels; undergraduate, postgraduate and continuing professional development. One of the main objectives of SEARAME is to encourage scholarship in medical education including educational research in SEAR countries. The South East Asian Journal of Medical Education (SEAJME) is the culmination of the SEARAME's vision to bring together medical educationists in the region and promote collaborative efforts toward uplifting the standards of medical education in the region and beyond through dissemination of research, evidence-based knowledge and information (SEAJME, 2007; Karunathilake, 2007).

Furthermore, Medical Education in the SEAR is going through rapid and extensive changes with new methods replacing conventional teaching and learning practices. Some changes seen in the developed world may not necessarily be the best for Asia while some may be driven by resource constraints (Karunathilake, 2007, Sirisup, 2008).

Therefore SEAJME would be the ideal platform for the medical educationists and medical teachers in the region to exchange ideas and share experiences in best practices in medical education in order to address academic quality improvement and enhancement of medical education practices based on the highest global standards (WFME, 2003).

The objective of this report is to provide a detailed overview and a critical analysis of the SEAJME's achievements to date.

Methods

A multi-method approach was used.

1. Analysis of the article submission database
2. Topic analysis of the all volumes and issues published from the inaugural issue to date.
3. Literature search and online search
4. Citation data obtained from Google Scholar

Country wise distribution of authors and categorization of articles were identified by topic analysis of all the articles published so far. Journal matrices were manually calculated based on the information provided in Google scholar.

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