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### **SUMMARY**

An Informal Consultation on the Western Pacific Region Index Medicus and the Global Health Library was held at the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific in Manila, Philippines on 17 June 2009.

The consultation followed a one-day medical editors' seminar at the Pan Pacific Hotel. The seminar was proposed at the Joint Meeting of the Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME) and the Western Pacific Region Index Medicus (WPRIM) in Beijing, China in November 2008. It was organized by the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD) in cooperation with APAME. It was attended by the Chairs of the National Journal Selection Committees (NJSCs) for WPRIM from Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Viet Nam as well as professionals from China and the Republic of Korea who are involved in WPRIM and APAME activities.

Information technology experts from China, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea and Viet Nam also had a meeting at the WHO Regional Office on 17 June 2009. The experts met with WHO staff from the Library and the Information Technology Group to discuss technical matters concerning the on-going development of the WPRIM platform and database by the Institute of Medical Information, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (IMICAMS).

The objectives of the consultation were:

- (1) to identify new training activities based on the outcomes of the editors' workshop;
- (2) to review the new WPRIM platform developed by the Institute of Medical Information Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (IMICAMS) and the new Western Pacific Region Global Health Library (GHL) portal; and
- (3) to finalize the agenda of the Second Joint Meeting of APAME and WPRIM in Singapore in November 2009.

During the informal consultation, a beta version of the WPRIM platform and database was presented by IMICAMS and approved by the WPRIM NJSC Chairs in attendance; the APAME website, which is hosted by the WHO Regional Office, was presented and approved; the GHL country focus portal was presented for the information and support of WPRIM member countries; and the agenda for the Singapore meeting from 4 to 5 November 2009 was discussed and finalized. Several recommendations were also proposed following the presentations and discussions.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

An Informal Consultation on the Western Pacific Region Index Medicus and Global Health Library was held at the WHO Regional Office in Manila, Philippines on 17 June 2009.

The Western Pacific Region Index Medicus (WPRIM) was established to index selected medical and health journals and to raise the quality of journal publishing, through a peer review system, in Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region. The Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME) was established to promote high-quality scientific writing in the Region.

As WPRIM and APAME have the common goal of disseminating high-quality medical knowledge and health information in the Region, it was proposed during the first APAME meeting in Seoul, the Republic of Korea in May 2008 to hold a joint APAME/WPRIM meeting in Beijing, China in November 2008. This meeting came up with several recommendations for the continuing development of the WPRIM project and activities for APAME, many of which were discussed at the informal consultation.

### 1.1 Objectives

- (1) To identify new training activities based on the outcomes of the editors' workshop.
- (2) To review the new WPRIM platform developed by the Institute of Medical Information Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (IMICAMS) and the new Western Pacific Region Global Health Library (GHL) portal.
- (3) To finalize the agenda of the Second Joint Meeting of APAME and WPRIM in Singapore in November 2009.

### 1.2 Participants

The participants were members of the WPRIM National Journal Selection Committees, information technology (IT) representatives from the Republic of Korea and Viet Nam, and professionals involved in information and publishing from Member States.

### 1.3 Opening ceremony

Mr Charles Raby, Technical Officer, Translation, Publications, Library Services, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific, formally opened the consultation by welcoming the participants.

### 2. PROCEEDINGS

### 2.1 Review of the editors' workshop on journal publishing

The Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD), in coordination with APAME, organized a seminar entitled "Professional Journal Editors, Key to Publishing Culture" for regional and local health and medical journal editors and writers. The seminar was held on 16 June 2009 at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Manila. Prof Chang-Kok Hahm, APAME President, and Mr Charles Raby delivered messages during the opening ceremony.

Local journal editors presented on the status of journal publishing in the Philippines. Presenters were Dr Theodor S Vesagas (*Philippine Journal of Surgical Specialties*), Dr Jose M. Avila (*Acta Medica Philippina*) and Dr Ma. Trinidad R. Vera (*Philippine Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*).

International journal editors such as Dr Wilfred Peh (*Singapore Medical Journal*), Dr John Arokiasamy (*Malaysian Medical Journal*) and Dr Jeong-Wook Seo (*Korean Journal of Pathology*) were resource persons for the panel discussion on professionalizing health journal editorship. Dr Peh, Dr Seo and Dr Arokiasamy and Prof Sandam Narantuya (*Mongolian Journal of Health Sciences*) also made presentations on international development and collaboration in journal publishing.

### 2.2 Presentation of the new WPRIM platform and database

Information technology experts from China, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea and Viet Nam met with WHO staff from the Library and the Information Technology Group on 16 June 2009 to discuss technical aspects of the WPRIM database, which is currently being developed by the Institute of Medical Information Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (IMICAMS).

Mr Fang An of IMICAMS presented a beta version of the WPRIM platform and database (Annex 3) to the group. Dr Sun Huh of KoreaMed introduced the Korean Association of Medical Journal Editors (KAMJE) system and gave his comments and recommendations for the new database (Annex 4). The following were discussed: (1) metadata standard, (2) interface, (3) functionality of the website, (4) data exchange, and (5) document delivery.

### 2.3 Development of the APAME website and the WPRIM/APAME community site

The new APAME website developed by the WHO Regional Office was presented to the members of the APAME Board of Directors. It is proposed that the website will be hosted and maintained by the Regional Office. However, APAME officers and members will still be responsible for the contents of the website.

It was also recommended that the site of the APAME/WPRIM community of practice (COP) should be utilized as a discussion board for the exchange of ideas for the continuing development and maintenance of the website.

### 2.4 Presentation of the GHL country focus portal

Mr Charles Raby presented the GHL country focus portal. He cited the importance of the portal as a one-stop shop for knowledge and information resources. He encouraged the participants to contribute relevant links and to help promote the portal in their countries.

### 2.5 Second Joint Meeting of APAME and WPRIM in Singapore

### 2.5.1 Meeting preparations

Dr Wilfred Peh presented a draft proposal for the Second Joint Meeting of APAME and WPRIM in Singapore from 4 to 5 November 2009 (Annex 5).

### 2.5.2 Medical writing workshop

APAME, the *Singapore Medical Journal* and the National Cancer Centre will co-organize a medical writing workshop from 6 to 8 November 2009. It is proposed that 20 observers and 45 participants should be invited to the workshop and that each country should send their trainers and participants. The NJSC Chairs tentatively confirmed the participation of the following number of trainers, participants and observers at the workshop: (1) China – 1 trainer, 2 participants; (2) Japan – 1 observer, 2 participants; (3) Malaysia – 1 observer, 2 participants; (4) Philippines – 2 observers, (3) participants; (5) Republic of Korea – 2 trainers; and (6) Viet Nam – 1 observer, 3 participants.

### 3. CONCLUSIONS

Based on the presentations and discussions of the agenda by the participants, the following conclusions were formulated:

### 3.1 WPRIM

- (1) A letter of appreciation will be sent to Dr Liu Depei, President of the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, for his support in the development of the WPRIM platform and database to be hosted by IMICAMS.
- (2) IMICAMS will finalize the xml format of the WPRIM database based from the outcome of the meeting discussions and will be sent out to IT focal persons of WPRIM countries for their compliance.

### 3.2. APAME

- (1) The WHO Regional Office will maintain and host the APAME website. However, the APAME Board of Directors will still be approved by the officers of APAME as recommended.
- (2) The *Singapore Medical Journal* and APAME will co-organize a forum and medical writing workshop from 6 to 8 November in Singapore.
- 3.3 Declaration on Access to Health Research and Information
- (1) The final version will be presented for approval during the Second Joint Meeting of APAME and WPRIM in Singapore from 4 to 5 November 2009.
- (2) The final version will be published in the *Singapore Medical Journal* and in other journals identified by the NJSC Chairs.

### 3.4 Second Joint Meeting of APAME and WPRIM in Singapore

The meeting will be co-organized by the WHO Regional Office and the *Singapore Medical Journal*.

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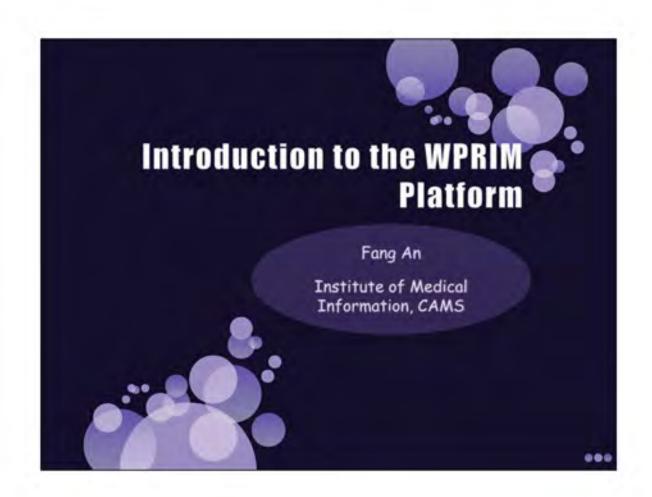
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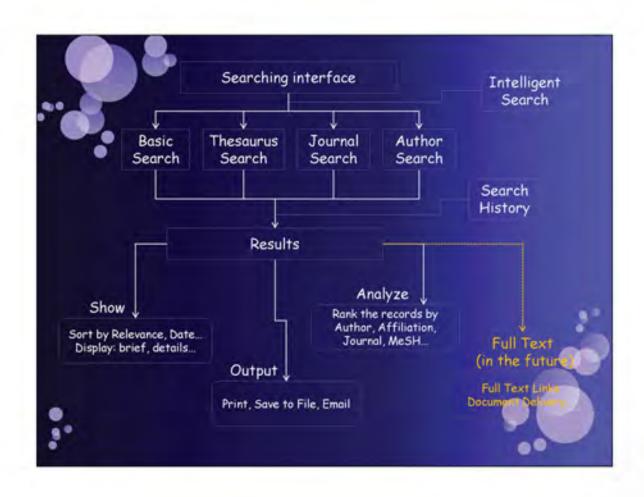
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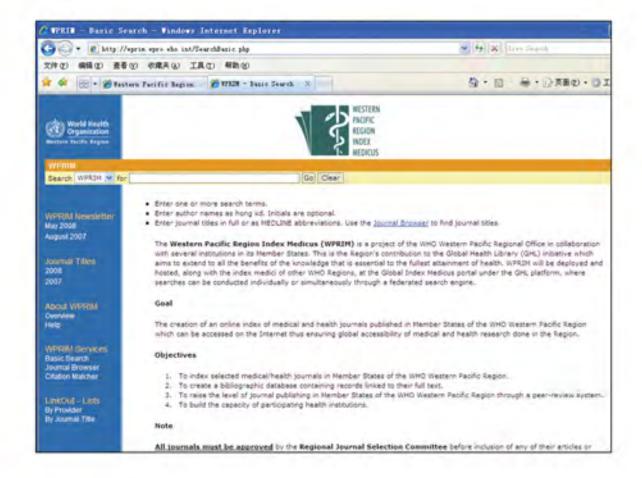
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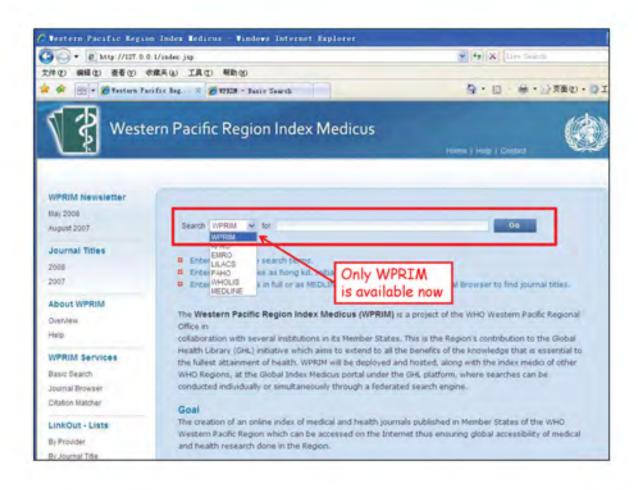
- (1) Opening session
- (2) Adoption of the agenda
- (3) After-action review of the editors' workshop held on 16 June 2009, organized by the Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME) in cooperation with the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD) and identification of new training activities
- (4) Agenda of the Second Joint meeting of APAME and WPRIM in Singapore from 4 to 5 November 2009
- (5) Review of the new WPRIM platform developed by Institute of Medical Information, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (IMICAMS)
- (6) Summary of the discussions from the IT meeting held on 16 June 2009 at WPRO
- (7) Development of the APAME website and the WPRIM/APAME Community Site
- (8) Presentation of the WPRO Global Health Library portal
- (9) Conclusions and Recommendations
- (10) Closing Session



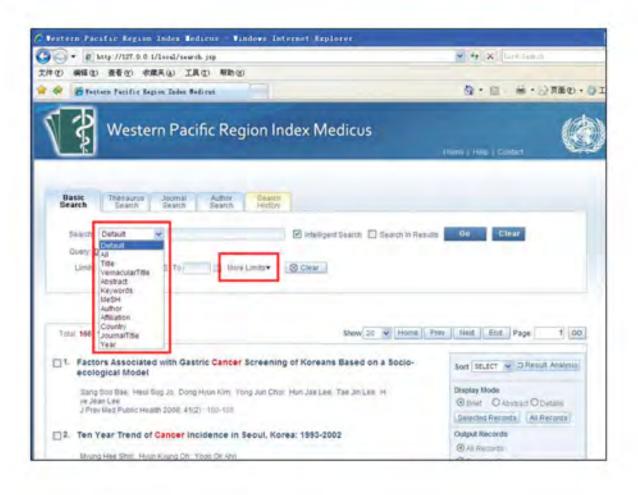


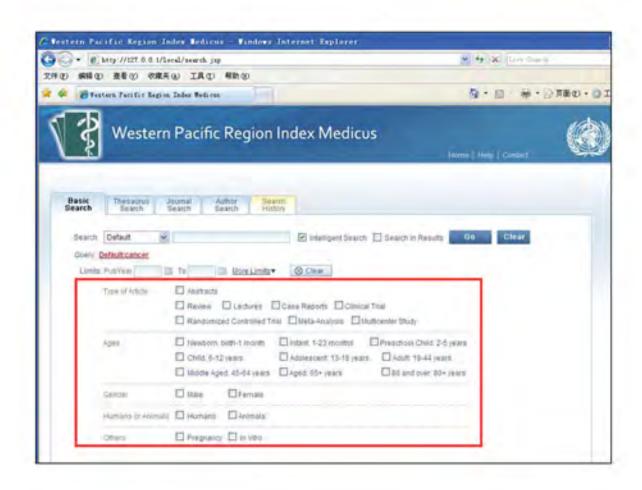


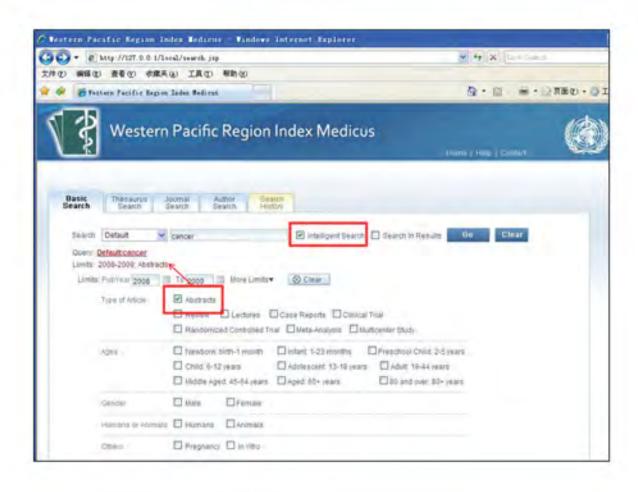


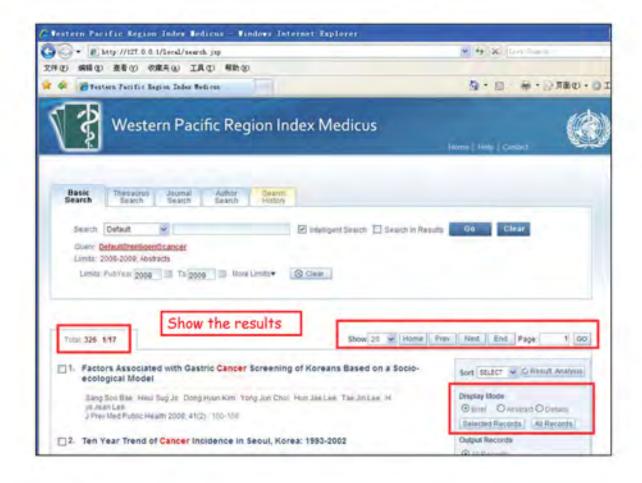


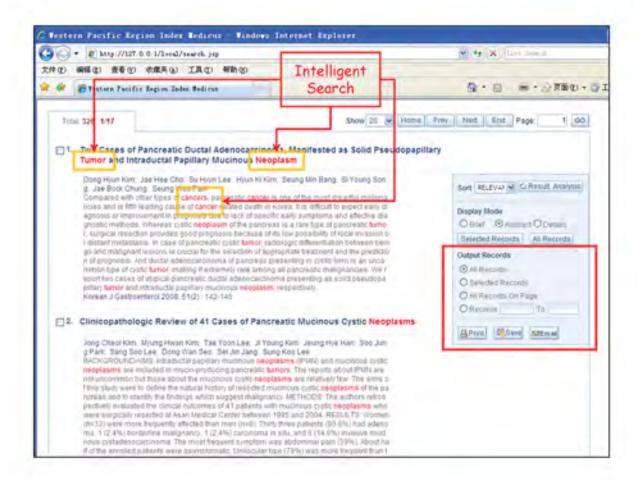


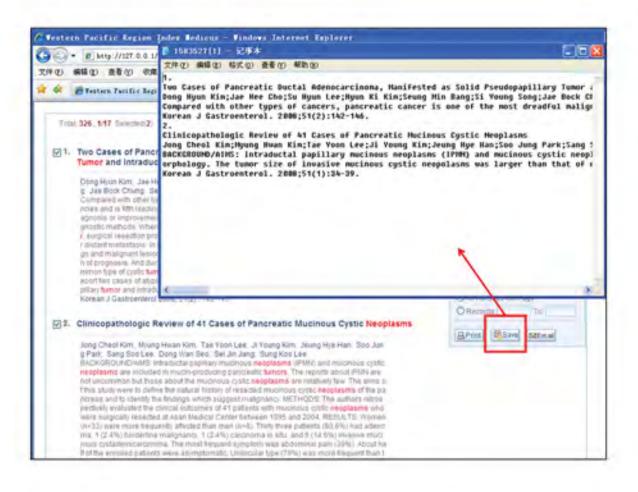


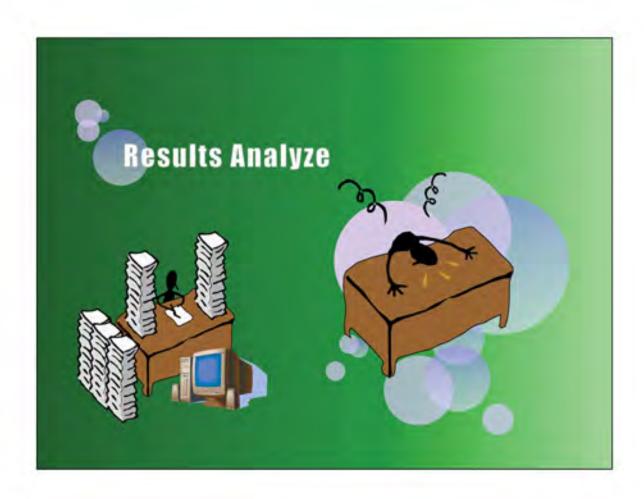


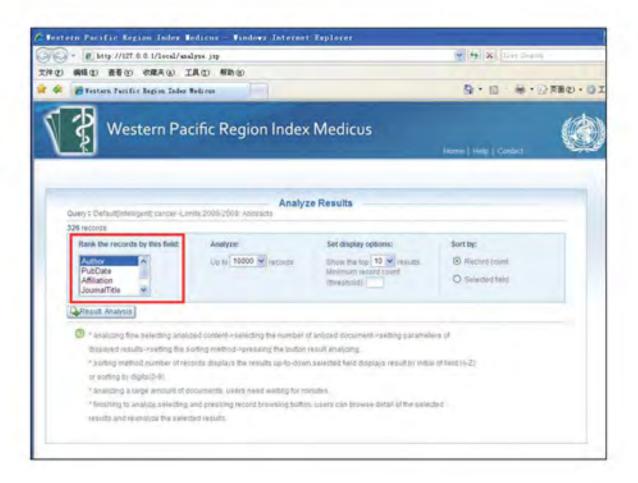


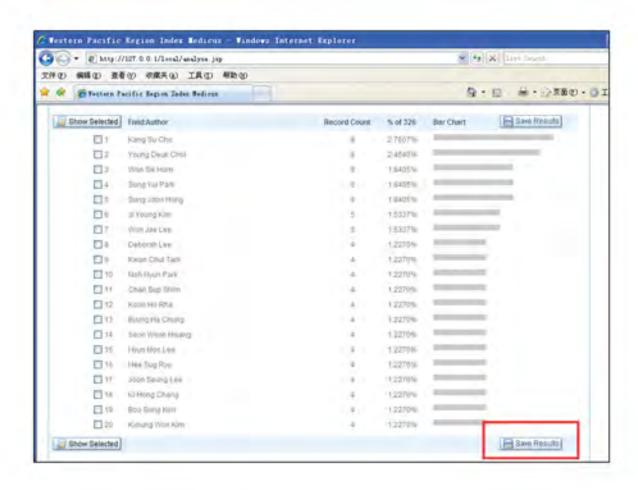


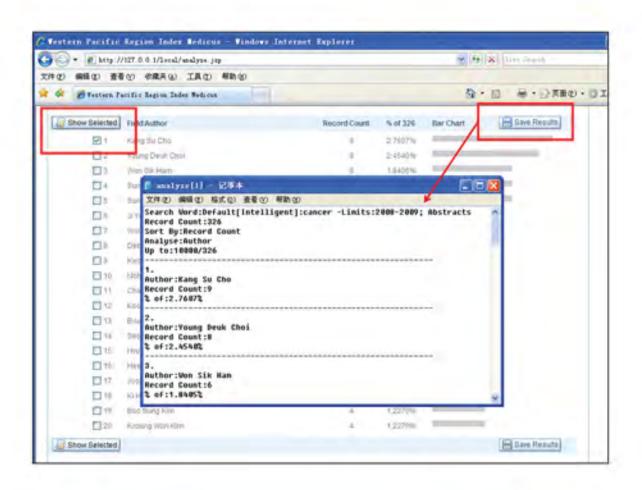


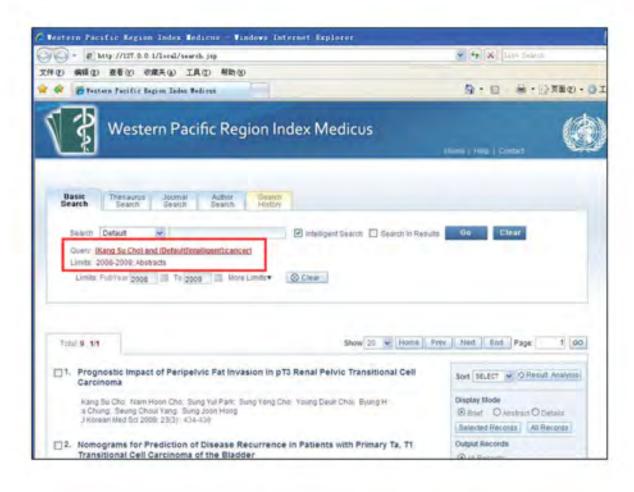


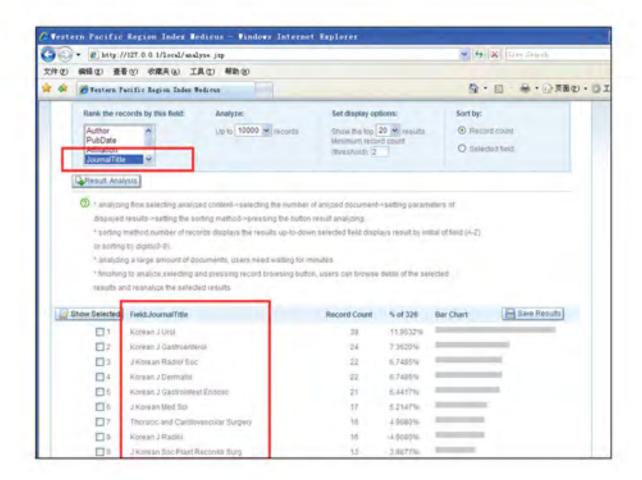




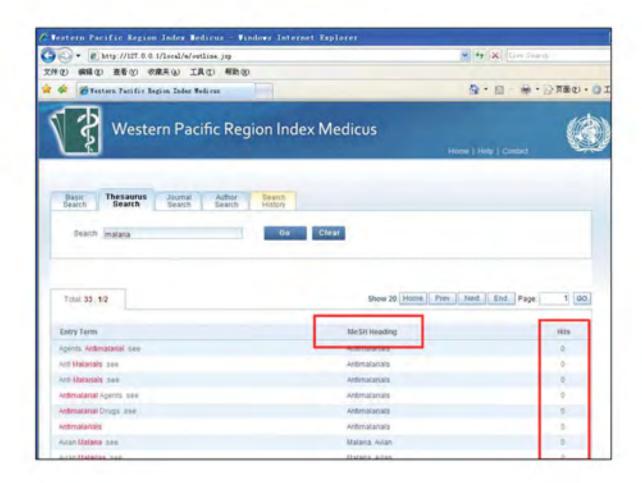


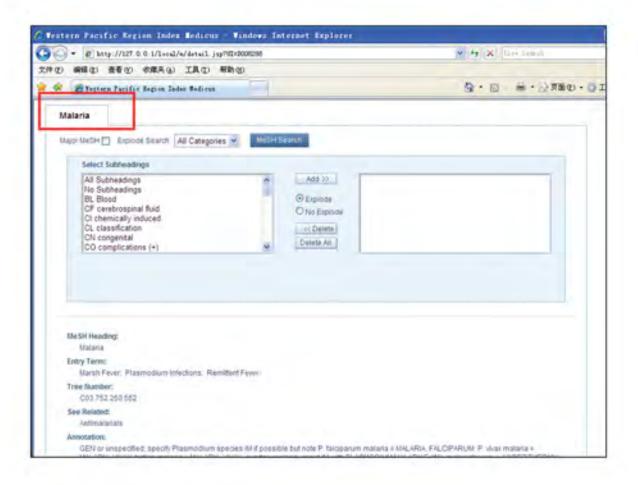


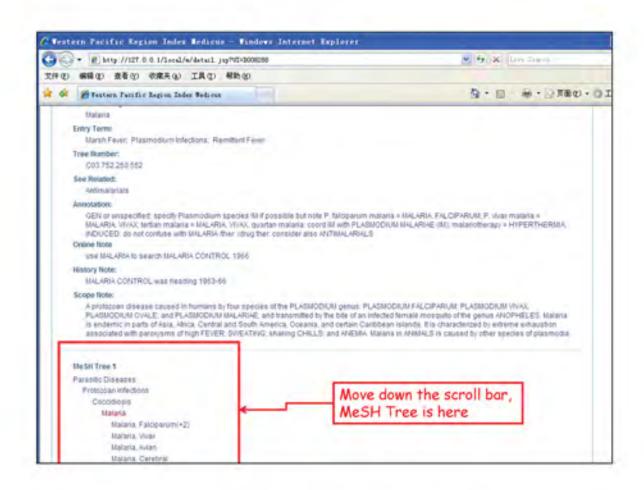


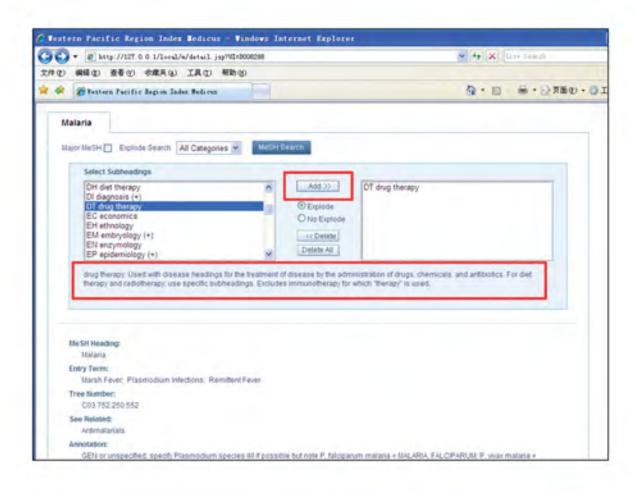




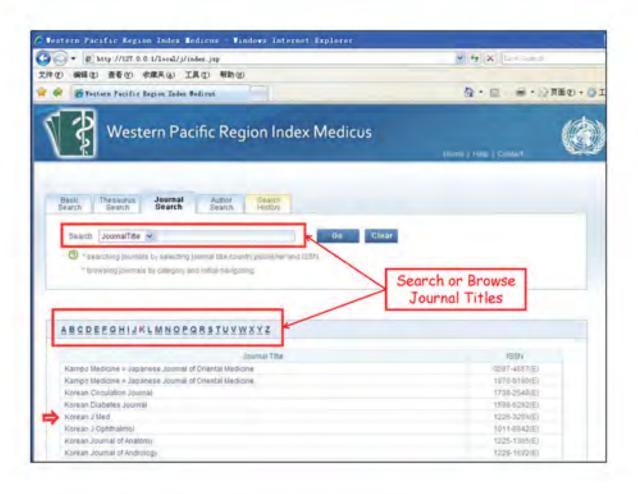


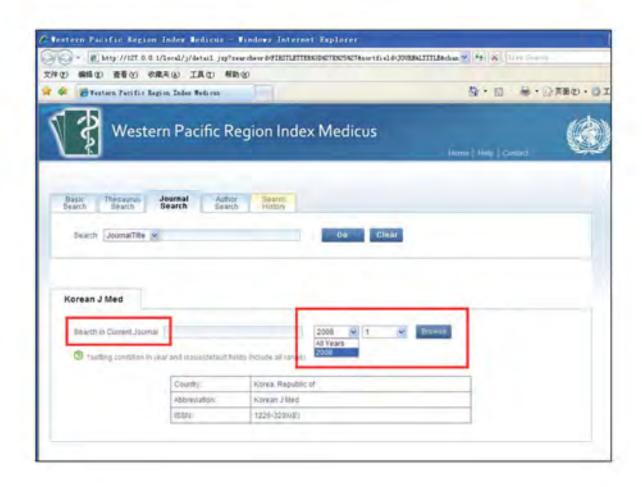


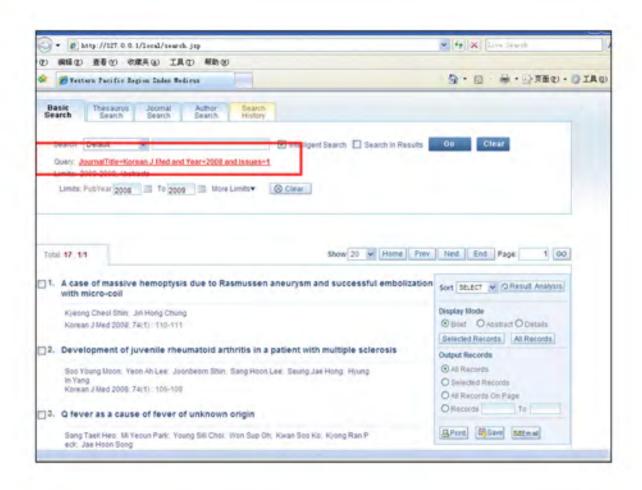


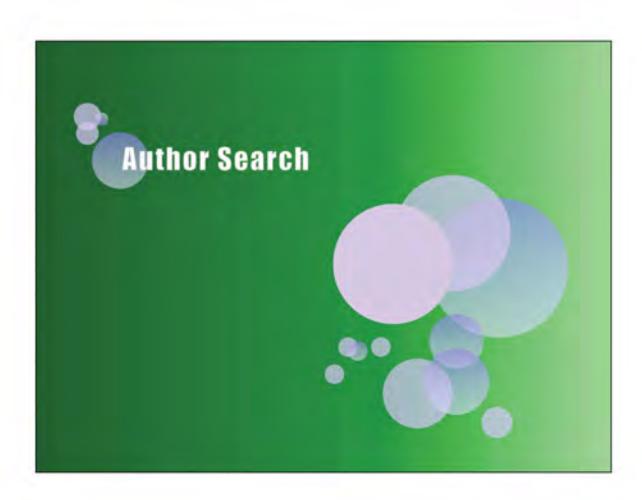




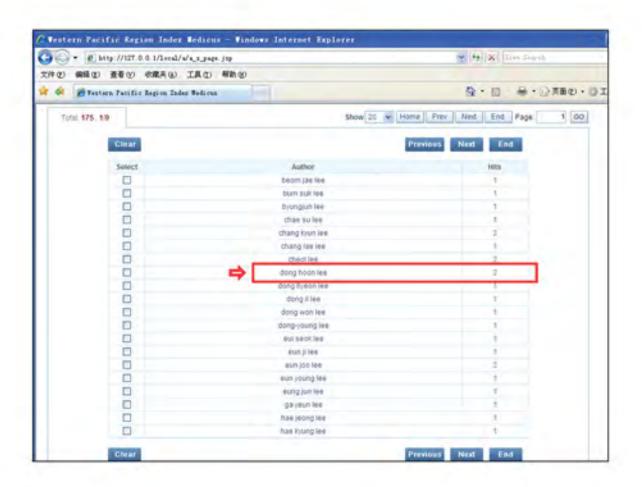


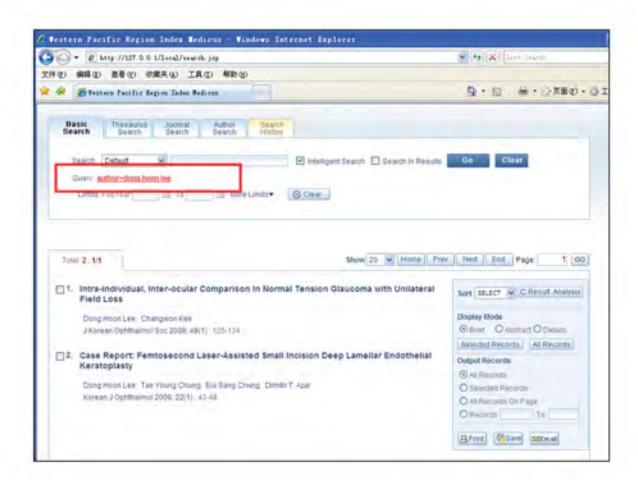


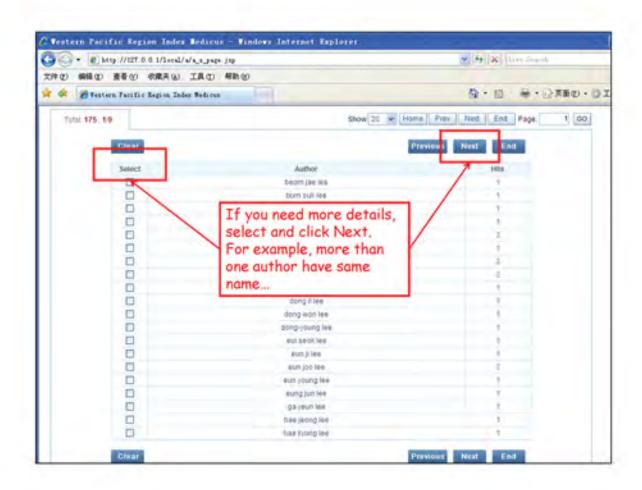


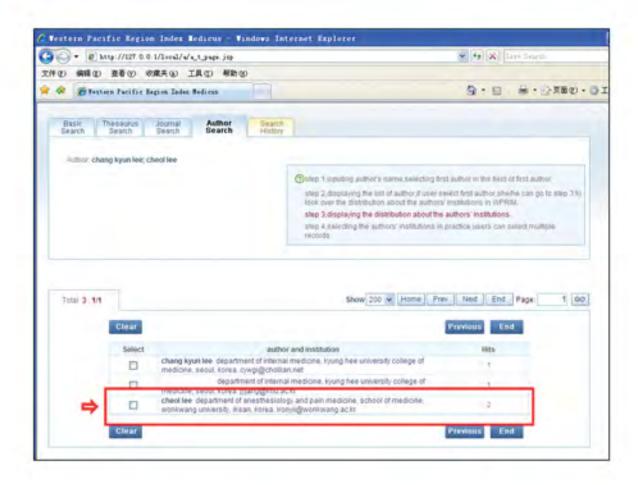






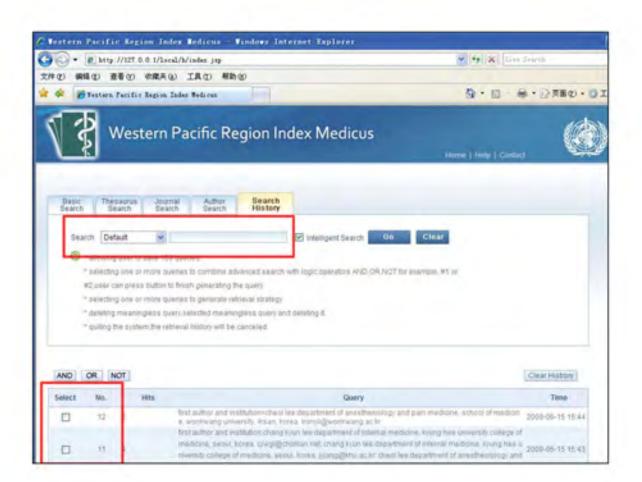


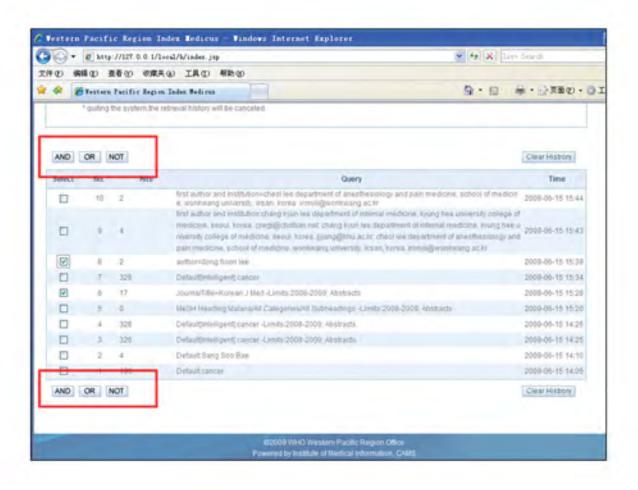


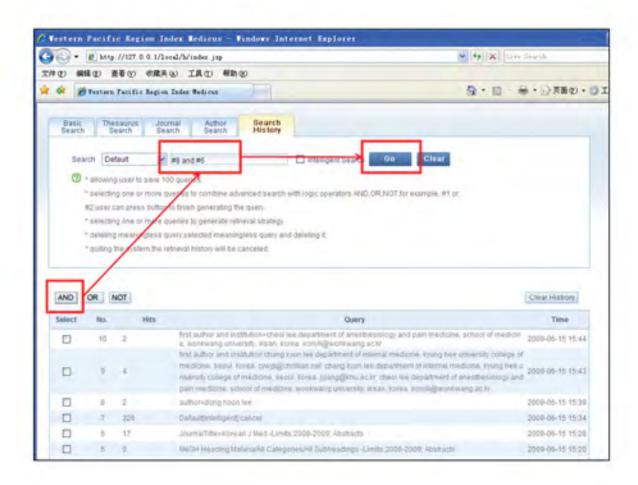




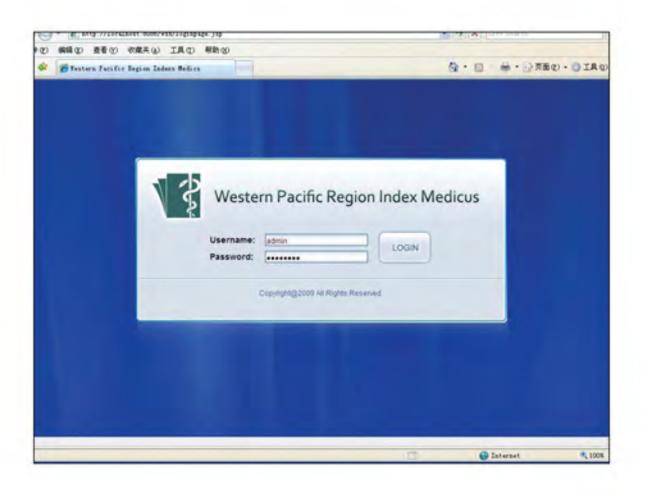


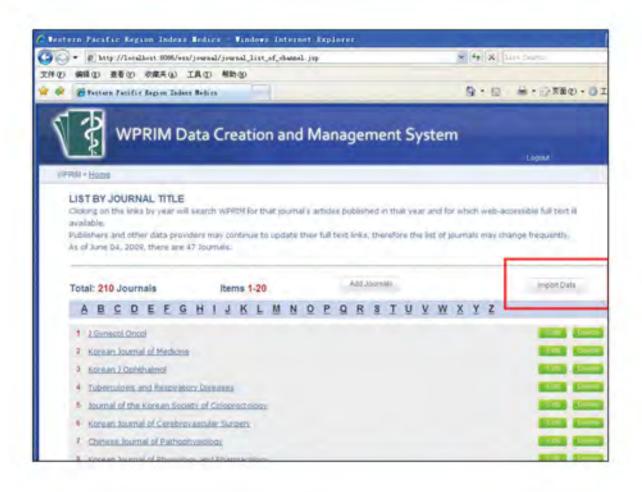


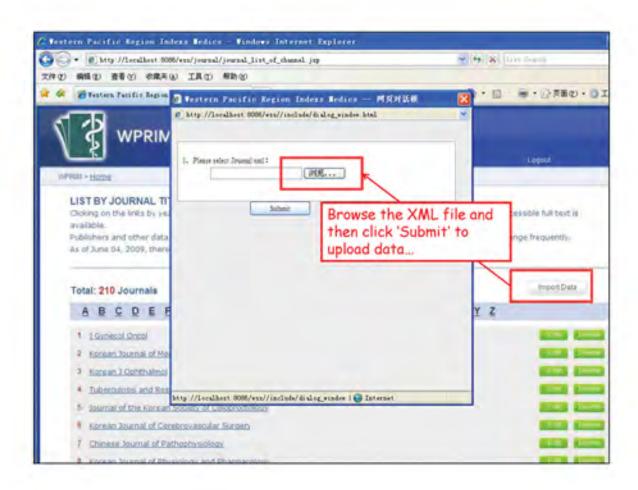


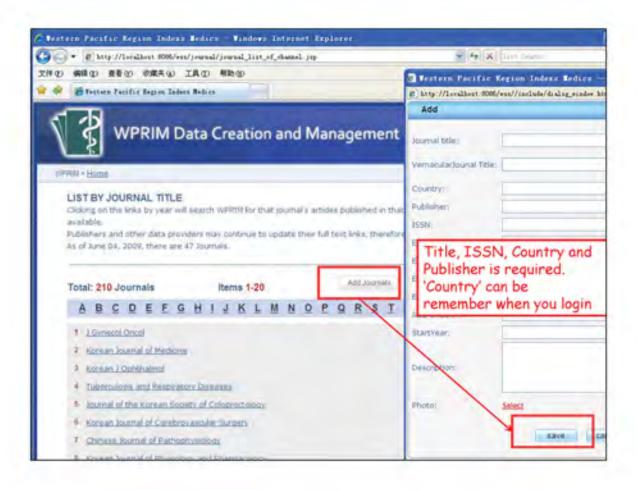


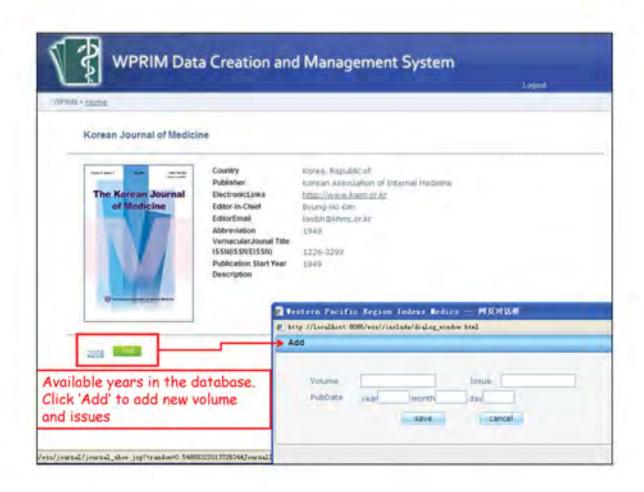


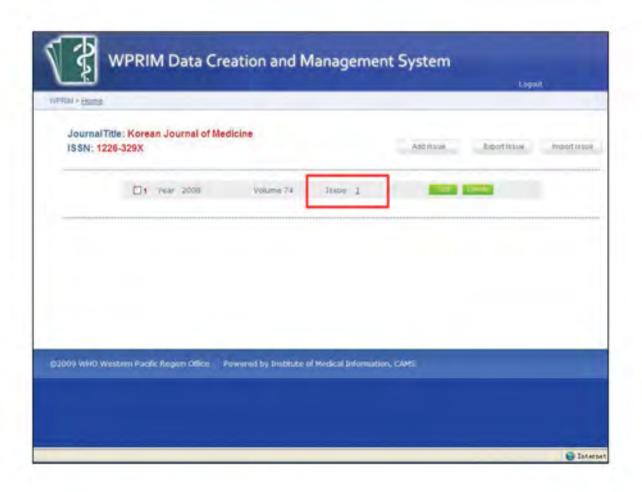




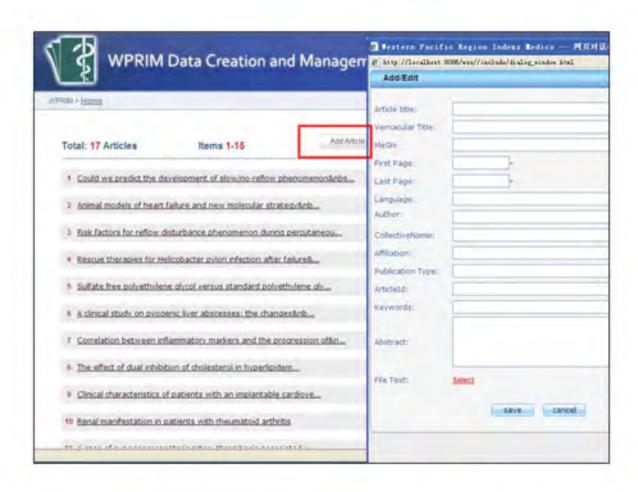


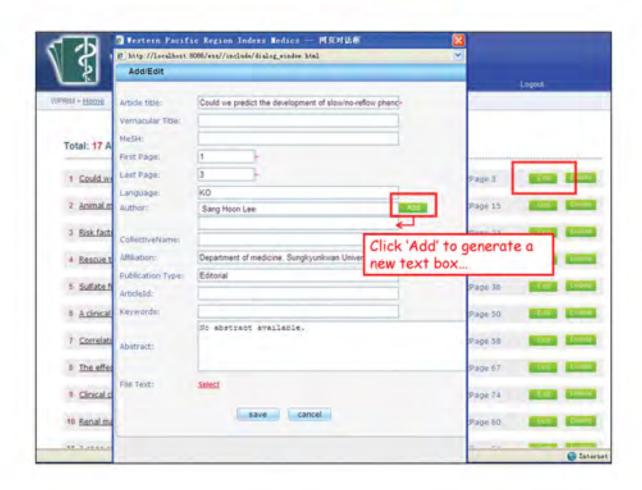


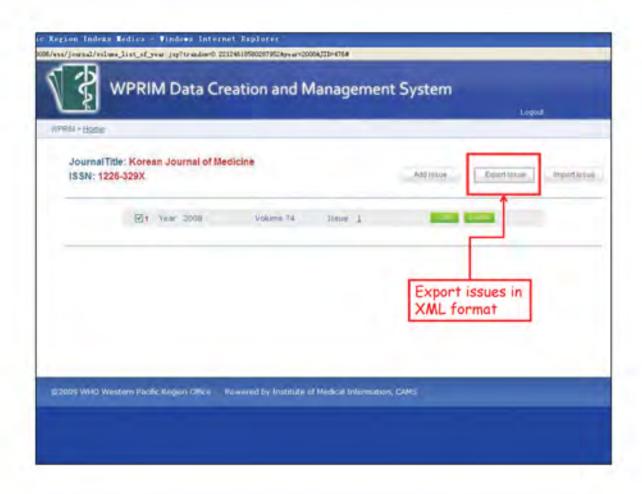


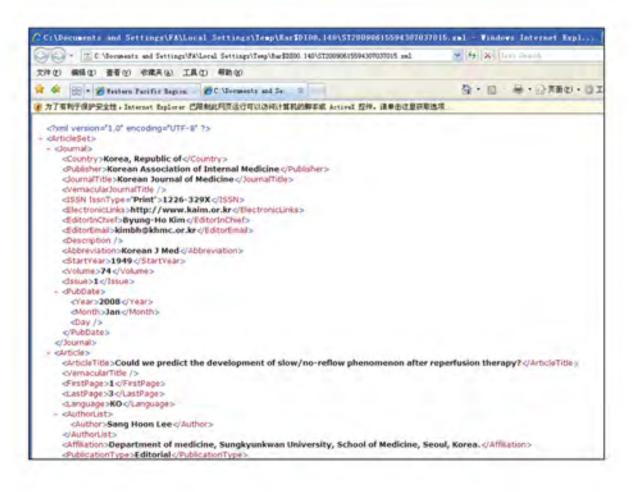




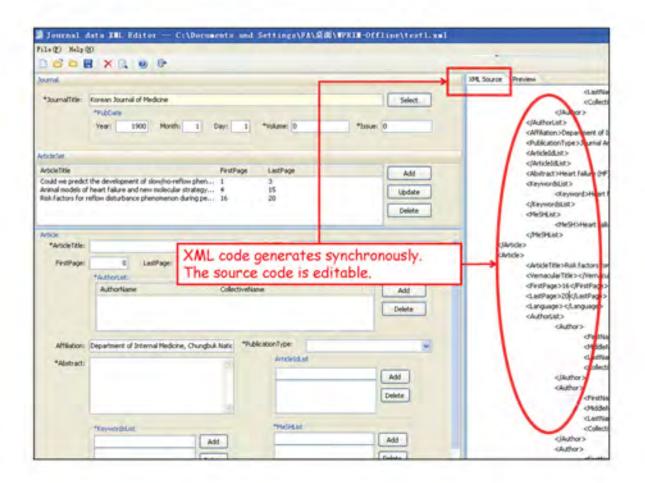


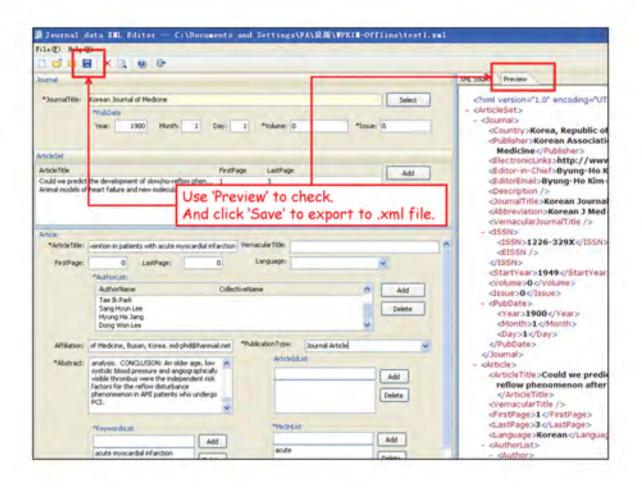


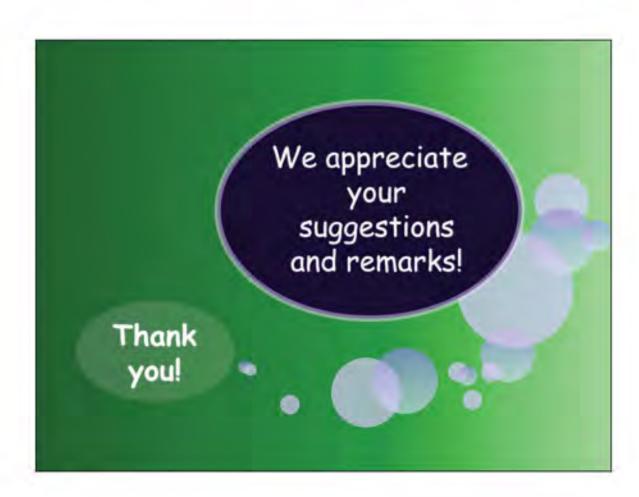












## Summary of *information technology* (IT) specialist meeting for new *Western Pacific Regional Index Medicus* (WPRIM) format

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- 1. Presentation of KoreaMed and Koreamed Synapse by Dr. Sun Huh
- 2. New platform of WPRIM by Chinese Academy of Medical Science (CAMS) by Mr. Fang An
- \*CAMS is the institute supported by Chinese Government and its function is those of National Institute of Health in USA. CAMS is different with Korean Academy of Medical Science in Korea or with Japanese Academy of Medical Science in Japan that are voluntary organization of the physicians.

### 3. Discussion

#### 1) Metadata standard

It is better to keep the PubMed *Document Type Definition* (DTD) rather than KoreaMed, since KoreaMed is inputted by issue unit so that it is difficult to unique *identification* (ID) for each paper. However, the shortage of PubMed is lack of the affiliation of co-authors. In PubMed, only the affiliation of the first author is inputted. It is better for WPRIM to add

affiliations of co-authors. Although the affiliations are inputted the match between authors and affiliation is not provided. Also, it is difficult to add *Medical Subject Heading* (MeSH) term perfectly so that keyword fields in KoreaMed is still necessary in WPRIM.

### 2) Interface

The interface by CAMS is the integration of the PubMed and Web of Science except reference database. Also the MeSH structure was included. It is the ideal one as a indexing database and it is the recent trends in the database.

### 3) Functions of Web site

It is enough to provide the users simple and convenient functions. The analyzer function is marvelous. As for the MeSH inputting, the mapping of the MeSH term from the English abstract may be used. However, it requires more time and manpower. It may be the long-term project. Also the *eXtensible Markup Language* (XML) generating program might be very useful to create the XML files although there is no XML expert.

### 4) Data exchange

There is no problem to import the data from China, Japan, Korea, Philippines, and Vietnam since they are in the XML form. However the data from Japan needs some revision due to the coding of special characters in HTML form in XML data. For the data from other countries, the journal file itself is better to be sent directly to CAMS. At the beginning of the project, it is better not to load the each countries publishers. After receiving the data file from other countries, CAMS will be able to input the XML files.

### 5) Document Delivery

Documents should be delivered to CAMS by not only file but also paper book to check any errors in file. File should be dispatched via internet. if internet is not available the diskette and the paper journal can be dispatched simultaneously via air mail.

### 4. Recommendation

- 1) XML conversion program may be distributed to every countries in 2 months.
- 2) New WPRIM will be opened till end of year 2009. If possible, it may be opened November 4, 2009 when the next meeting is opened in Singapore.
- 3) Simple domain name http://wprim.org/ was already registered and used by KAMJE so that

- new address shall be parked with the registered simple domain name.
- 4) Full text shall be hyperlinked not included in WPRIM system like PubMed.
- 5) Journal abbreviation shall be followed by those of National Library of Medicine (NLM) of USA. Although there is a very slight difference between NLM system and ISO system, it is better to keep the NLM system since NLM provides the PubMed.
- 6) Training for the XML input in each country of WPRO is necessary. It is very easy if XML conversion program is used or the DTD structure is understood.

### Other QA in June 17 meeting at the same place

- 1) Homepage color is too dark --> It must be reviewed by designer
- 2) MeSH indexing --> Exact indexing like NLM is not possible at now since there is no experts in MeSH indexing. It may be done by programming.
- 3) Homepage -->Link to Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME)/ Global Health Library (GHL)
- 4) Article classification -->Gray matter can be included also in the Publication type of NLM.
- 5) Full text -->It will be hyperlinked to full text web site.
- 6) Download citation -->It will be developed later.
- 7) Fund raising for WPRIM --> CAMS may have initiative since more than two thirds of WPRIM journals will be those from China and CAMS has been supported by Chinese Government. CAMS possesses experts in information technology and library and information science. Since it is not the focus of IT meeting, it may be discussed later.
- Conclusion> The proposed new system of WPRIM by CAMS was marvelous. It will satisfy all users with convenient interface and fantastic functions. Opening of new system is anticipated within this year. The ability of CAMS to develop and maintain the database might be top-notch level. Their laborious works should be applauded.