



Write to Practice

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Dr Jacob Kracier, who is the author of the “Art of Grantsmanship”, aptly puts it: “Good writing will not save bad ideas, but bad writing can kill good ones.” Nowadays, good science and medical researches are often set aside because they are poorly written. Thus, when the Pediatric Infectious Disease Society of the Philippines (PIDSP) announced the conduct of the 1st Medical Writing Skills Workshop here in the Philippines, the sponsored slots of the workshop were filled up straight away. It was held last 2 September at the Hyatt Hotel and Casino, Manila.

The workshop, which is targeted to be a first in a series, aimed for the attendees to gain insights into the various aspects of scientific/medical research writing and to enhance their skills and develop their styles in order to upgrade the quality of manuscripts which are submitted to journals.

In partnership with the Philippine Association of Medical Journal Editors (PAMJE) and as endorsed by the Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME), the workshop was conducted by APAME Executive Vice President and Immediate Past Editor of the Singapore Medical Journal Prof Wilfred Peh, PAMJE President Prof Joey La Peña, Vice Editor in Chief of the Journal of The ASEAN Federation of Endocrine Societies Dr Cecile Jimeno and the avant-garde editor of the PIDSP Journal, Dr Cecilia Maramba-Lazarte.

The one-day workshop, which was both exhaustive and enriching, was participated in by a dynamic and heterogeneous group including PIDSP members from Baguio, Manila, Bicol, and Cebu. Guests from different learning institutions across the country, such as the Ateneo de Zamboanga and UP College of Medicine also participated.

In the end, the workshop emphasized that writing in itself is a learning process. In the medical profession, it does not only add

credence to our professional and personal abilities, but it also speaks well of how one cultivates a dedication to a dual craft: writing and the practice of a medical profession.

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