

Chris Graf (COPE Treasurer) introduced COPE with **Charlotte Haug** (COPE Vice Chair) making an appearance virtually by video to around 70 editors at the COPE Seminar held during the APAME (Asia Pacific Association of Medical Editors) annual meeting at the Japanese Medical Association in Tokyo, August 2013 <http://jams.med.or.jp/apame2013/>.



Figure 1 A still from Charlotte's video introduction

The first speaker was **Hitoshi Nakagama**, Director, National Cancer Centre Research Institute in Japan. Dr Nakagama is editor in chief for the journal *Cancer Science*. He presented cases of plagiarism and data falsification seen at *Cancer Science*. Discussion was around the importance of careful communications between his journal and other journals about cases of misconduct.

Tetsuya Tanimoto, a Visiting Researcher at and The Institute of Medical Science at the University of Tokyo, presented about trends in misconduct, with special and current cases from Japan. Dr Tanimoto focussed presentation on a scandal around fabricated pharmaceutical trials for valsartan. More about that is described in Forbes

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/larryhusten/2013/07/12/diovan-data-was-fabricated-say-japanese-health-minister-and-university-officials/> and by Novartis

<http://www.novartis.com/newsroom/product-related-info-center/valsartan-investigator-initiated-trials-in-japan.shtml>.

Jeong-Woo Seo, a pathologist majoring in heart and lung pathology Seoul National University, Republic of Korea, ex-assistant editor of *Seoul Journal of Medicine* and *Journal of Korean Medical Science*, ex-editor-in-chief of *Korean Journal of Pathology* and *Basic and Applied Pathology*. Dr Seo presented about assessing plagiarism. Discussion focussed around challenges implementing CrossCheck (for example, thresholds for matching text) and an editor's role in teaching authors about acceptable writing practices.

Atsushi Manabe, editor in chief for *Pediatrics International* works at the Department of Pediatrics, St. Luke's International Hospital. Dr Manabe presented about cases of duplicate submission at the journal *Pediatrics International*. Discussion centred around different approaches to senior and junior authors where duplicate submission is found.

Jeong-Ho Kim, from Yonsei University College of Medicine, Republic of Korea, was editor-in-chief in the *Korean Journal of Laboratory Medicine* from 2005 to 2011, and is a member of editorial board of *Clinical Chemistry* and *Laboratory Medicine* since 2010. He has been a secretary of the Education and Training Committee of the Korean Association of Medical Journal Editors since 2011. Dr Kim presented a study of how CrossCheck is used to detect plagiarism in Korea.



Figure 2 Lions guard the Zenkokuji Temple in Nishibashi/Kagurazaka, Tokyo

Chong-Woo Bae, is a Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at Kyung Hee University School of Medicine, Seoul, Republic of Korea. Dr Bae is also a member of the publication ethics committee of Korean Association of Medical Journal Editors and editor in chief for *Clinical and Experimental Vaccine Research*, and was editor in chief for *Korean Journal of Pediatrics*. Dr Bae's interesting presentation focused on the Korean Association of Medical Journal Editors (KAMJE) review of duplication publication, and their highly successful 'preventing duplicate publication' campaign.