

Report of two simultaneous congresses in Moscow, Russia

COPE was asked to present at two congresses in Moscow in September 2013. The first congress was a non-medical one called “World-class scientific journal: problems, solutions, preparation and inclusion into citation indices and reference databases”, which was held on 24 – 26 September 2013. It was very much related to publishing issues and representatives from Elsevier, Scopus, Ulrich publishing, and Oxford University Press, as well as local speakers, talked about various aspects of publishing and how Russian researchers can publish their articles in high profile journals. Various aspects of using international databases were also discussed. I presented on COPE to the delegates with talk on “Scientific Publication and Ethical Issues; Aims and Perspectives of COPE”. The talk was well accepted by the audience and we had useful negotiations after the session about the role of COPE in making standard ethical guidelines in scientific publishing, which led to the idea of having a specific Russian Ethics Committee for such issues. About 250 participants had taken part in the congress and I handed out COPE’s brochures and flyers that I had taken with me to Moscow to the participants.

The second congress, "Innovative Educational Technologies in Medicine" was held on 26 – 27 September in the conference center InfoProstranstvo, Moscow. This conference was mainly about medical education and the role of simulation in teaching students. The congress was organized by the Association of Medical Societies for Quality (ASMOK) on medical education. About 200 participants, mostly medical practitioners from different countries of the previous Soviet Union and Turkey had taken part. Some speakers from UK, Netherlands, and Spain talked about medical education and the role of simulation in modern practice. In a session that was run by an editor of a medical education journal about publishing articles in medical journals, I talked about the importance of publication ethics and COPE’s role in defining guidelines and standards,

which led to further discussion with audience about the issue. I also handed out the remaining brochures and flyers to the participants and continued talking about COPE with the audience during the intersession's time.

And finally I would like to appreciate the hospitality and discipline of both organizers because everything related to these congresses was done on time and we had the opportunity to visit beautiful Moscow and its historical places.











