

Meeting Report

## **6th Asian Science Editors Conference and Workshop 2020**

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Time and Date: August 21, 2020

Organizer: Council of Asian Science Editors

Venue: Virtual conference

Since the first patient with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19<sup>1</sup>) was identified in Korea on January 20, 2020, a lot of things have changed in our daily lives. The way we gather and share our knowledge and experience has no exception, so we move in-person meetings to the online space (virtual and often real-time streaming). The COVID-19 has taken out the way we communicate and share the knowledge, it has not been able to limit our passion for it.

The 6th Asian Science Editors Conference and Workshop 2020 was held on August 21, 2020 in an online space with more than 100 people attending for over 2 hours. It started at 4 p.m. in Korea time standard and continued until around 6 p.m. The snapshot was taken during the conference (Fig 1).

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<sup>1</sup> Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a contagious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).



Fig. 1. Screen photo of 6th Asian Science Editors Conference and Workshop 2020.

Table 1. Program of 6th Asian Science Editors Conference and Workshop 2020.

Time	Program
00:00 - 00:05	Opening of the Conference
00:05 - 00:10	Opening Remarks - General Chair, Subramaniam Ramanathan (Council of Asian Science Editors', Singapore)
	Welcoming Remarks - New President, Hyungsun Kim (Inha University, Korea)
00:10 - 00:30	Artificial intelligence in editing, writing, reviewing manuscripts - Kihong Kim (Ajou University, Korea)
00:30 - 00:50	Compliance of "Principles of transparency and best practice in scholarly publishing" in academic society published journals - Soon Kim (Nature, Korea)
01:05 - 01:45	1. Preprint server - Chair: Tadachika Nakayama, Nagaoka University of Tech, Japan - Topic presenter: Sun Huh (Hallym University, Korea) - Discussion
	2. Adoption of new Crossref services to society journals - Chair: Komang WIRYAWAN (IPB University, Indonesia) - Topic presenter: Rachael Lammy (Crossref, UK)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion</li> </ul>
	<p>3. Impact of COVID-19 pandemics to the society journal publishing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chair: Basil D'souza (Editage, India)</li> <li>- Topic presenter: Sue Kim (Yonsei University, Korea)</li> <li>- Discussion</li> </ul>
01:45 - 01:55	Webinar: Wrap-up of each parallel session.
01:55 - 02:00	<p>Concluding remark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sun Huh (Hallym University, Korea)</li> </ul>

In 2019, Springer released "Lithium-Ion Batteries", the first research book written by artificial intelligence (AI). AI technology is also affecting the way researchers do research, write papers, and publishers publish journals. We must continue to pay attention and study how to adapt to the changes caused by AI technology and how to apply it to the work we do.

In the second webinar, we have seen the shortcomings of our academic journals and look at how one can improve readership, data sharing, reproducibility, copyright, archiving, and profit model through cases.

In the parallel session, one could find out what the participants were thinking through a survey on the preprint policy, and should have learnt that preprinting is not mandatory, but the preprint policy must be stated.

Crossref has introduced a new Participation Report. It is a visualization of the metadata registered by Crossref members because better metadata helps content to get discovered and used, and helps us to participate in additional services, like Similarity Check. Crossref will provide a service that recognizes author affiliation in the near future, and plans to provide a new function of Similarity Check.

At the final parallel session, it was designed to see how the COVID-19 Pandemic is affecting editors and publishers of Asian academic journals based on data obtained through an online survey from 13-19 July 2020.

We are spending more time in the internet space due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The importance of sharing knowledge and information with editors and publishers of academic journals in the virtual space and communicating among ourselves has been and will be increasing significantly.