AuthorAID
A concept to balance international information flow and transfer

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What is AuthorAID?

A concept:

to support health by
supporting the publication
and availability of important
information
What is AuthorAID?

A goal:

to improve research and publication practices, and to level the publication playing field so all important information becomes available.
What is AuthorAID?

A practical outcome:

a consortium of projects with different sources of support but common goals
What do AuthorAID projects do?

- find author’s editors to help authors write manuscripts in English and get them published
- provide training for authors and for journal editors
Who supports AuthorAID?

1. Department for International Development (DFID), UK
2. International Foundation for Science, Stockholm, Sweden
Who supports AuthorAID?

3. Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
4. Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR)
5. China Medical Board
AuthorAID projects

1. International Society for Environmental Epidemiology
AuthorAID projects

2. International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publication (INASP), Barbara Gastel

AuthorAID provides researchers in more than 50 countries with:

- a community space for discussion and questions where researchers can obtain advice
- access to documents and presentations on best practice in writing and publication
- world-wide training workshops on scientific writing
- a chance to network with other researchers
- personal mentoring by highly published researchers and professional editors

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3. AuthorAID in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, EMMJ4, EMAME, EMRO, SUMS
Only an extremely small fraction of the scientific literature is written by developing world authors, even in fields such as health and environmental studies, where it is universally recognized that the world’s dominant problems manifest themselves in developing regions.

“Research priorities do and should reflect a range of social and scientific values, not only disease burden. But the magnitude and persistence of the ‘10/90 gap’ clearly calls for a change in the way that priorities and investments in health research are made around the world [...]”

Language professionals “could refrain from ‘correcting’ unambiguous, non-standard English” and instead “could empower the author to make the final decision, by explaining our ‘native speaker’ reactions to the original and suggesting an alternative.”

“The Eastern Mediterranean region [...] has a somewhat different disease epidemiology and spectrum of medical practices than other parts of the world. Empowering biomedical journal publication in the region can be beneficial for the promotion of health not only here, but in the world at large.”

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AuthorAID is the name given to a growing number of web-based activities that provide developmental editing assistance to scientists and researchers from developing countries who wish to prepare scientific articles for publication in peer reviewed journals. Phyllis Freeman[1] and Anthony Robbins,[2] co-editors of the Journal of Public Health Policy (JPHP),[3] first suggested the name and concept in 2004 and published “Closing the ‘publishing gap’ between rich and poor” about AuthorAID on the Science and Development Network (SciDev.Net)[4] in 2005.[5]

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