

Minutes of The Luncheon Meeting

The Asia Pacific Network (APN) of the WHO Family of International Classifications

Date & Time: Tuesday, 14 October 2014, 13:00-14:00

Venue: CCIB room #14 (Barcelona, Spain)

Participants: 24 members

Co-Chair Dr. Hiroyoshi Endo (Japan), Co-Chair Prof. Sukil Kim (Korea), Ms. Joon Hong (Korea), Dr. Wansa Paoin (Thailand), Dr. Maliwan Yuenyongsuwan (Thailand), Dr. Torpong Jamtawee (Thailand), Dr. Kondhee Sangkhavasi (Thailand), Dr. Jenny Hargreaves (Australia), Prof. Richard Madden (Australia), Ms. Ros Madden (Australia), Dr. Syed Aljunid (Malaysia), Ms. Sue Walker (Australia), Dr. Phillip Hoyle (Australia), Ms. Vera Dimitropoulos (Australia), Ms. Anne Elsworthy (Australia), Dr. Joanne Curry (Australia), Dr. Qin Jiang (China), Ms. Emiko Oikawa, Ms. Yukiko Yokobori (Japan), Dr. Mark Landry (WHO WPRO), Dr. Robert Jakob (WHO Headquarters), Dr. Bedirhan Ustun (WHO Headquarters), Dr. Toshio Oi (Japan), Dr. Osahiro Takahashi (Japan), Mr. Koichi Nishikawa (Japan), 3 observers

1. Reports on Current Status

The meeting confirmed the current status of each item below, in line with the work plans agreed at the 6th Meeting of the Asia Pacific Network in Thailand.

- (1) Simplified education curriculum module (lead: Joon Hong)
- (2) Survey on ICD training resources in the region (lead: Secretariat)
- (3) ICD-10 APN development (lead: Wansa Paoin)

2. ICD-10 APN Simplified Version (Alpha)

Dr. Wansa Paoin briefly reported on the progress on ICD-10 APN Simplified Version leading up to the release of the Alpha Version.

Dr. Robert Jacob of WHO mentioned that it should be made compatible with WHO's ICD-10 short list and also with the planned ICD-11 Primary Care Short Version. The APN Simplified Version is for the countries with low resources rather than those with high resources and case mixes systems.

Dr. Bedirhan Ustun of WHO said it is better to have some data than no data at all. The Simplified Version should be used alongside ICD-10 full version for different levels of detail, just like in the image of telescopic zoom-in and zoom-out functions. He requested the members to discuss in detail with careful consideration, for there is a need for an inexpensive and simple classification.

One of the participants asked if the countries that have already introduced ICD-10 full version (Indonesia, Myanmar, Vietnam) would also be targeted. Dr. Paoin answered that what he considers as the main targets are not large sized hospitals but places like primary care sites with no doctors.

One of the participants noted the need to secure the compatibility with ICD-10 full version. It was explained that this was not a problem because the codes will remain unchanged.

Dr. Mark Landry of WPRO expressed support for the APN Simplified Version, and mentioned that he thinks it favorable if there would be a possibility of statistical comparison.

Ms. Joon Hong reported about developing of education curriculum for coders by APN version, based on the

curriculum developed by EIC. She reviewed the EIC curriculum and concluded that APN needs to include most of the subjects on the EIC curriculum, but the depth of the contents would be different, narrower than the EIC's.

As for the translation of the Simplified Version, Prof. Sukil Kim reported that the multiple-language platform model (for East Asia) is stabilizing and should be available for use in Cambodian and Laotian.

The current timeline foresees the release of the Beta Version in 2015, based on the outcome of the discussion in this meeting and materials from Dr. Jakob. Translation work will then ensue. Field trial will be conducted in parallel with the 7th Meeting of the Asia Pacific Network. Dr. Paoin suggested holding the next meeting and the field trial in Cambodia, as Cambodia has given a positive response to ICD-10 APN Simplified Version.

3. Asia Pacific Network Meeting in 2015

Owing to circumstances, APN Meeting could not be held in Malaysia in 2014 as planned. Malaysia kindly offered to host the 2015 Annual Meeting. In consideration of the field trial, the network decided to first confirm with Cambodia on the possibility of hosting the meeting.