Call for Papers – Special Issue

Scaling up a skilled health workforce and its performance in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

The Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal is leading a thematic issue addressing the critical need for scaling up the skills base and performance of the health workforce in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR).

Recognizing that countries in the Region face serious health workforce challenges, a Regional Action Framework for Health Workforce Development (2017–2030) has been developed to address the difficulties faced in scaling up the health workforce.

In light of the Regional Action Framework and the recognized urgency to develop the health workforce in the EMR, this thematic issue aims to bring together current and new research, enhance health workforce networks, and draw attention to health workforce challenges in the Region.

We are seeking submissions on scaling-up a skilled health workforce and its performance in the Eastern Mediterranean Region. Possible sub-themes include, but are not limited to:

- Experiences and outcomes in health workforce policies and planning; capacity building for strengthening health workforce leadership and governance; and health workforce situation analysis,
- Trends in health labour markets and implications of health workforce policies,
- Trends in International health workforce mobility and its challenges both in source and host countries, and international recruitment practices,
- Issues and innovative practices in health workforce recruitment, deployment and retention, and skills mix,
- Good practices in transforming health professionals’ education and introducing innovative educational approaches,
- Effect of regulation of health workforce education and practice on improving quality of services,
- Private sector engagement in education and employment of health workers, and dual practice,
- Implications/impact of availability of a skilled and well performing health workforce on quality of care and health outcomes,
- Health workforce in emergencies and protracted crises,
- Economic analysis of the health workforce, including investment.

Papers describing research findings, successful practices, innovative solutions, outcome-oriented approaches, and lessons learned are encouraged. Papers 3000 words or less will be considered.

For details on the submission process, please carefully read the instructions for authors at: http://www.emro.who.int/emh-journal/authors/authors-information.html

Submissions should be received by 30 September, 2017 in order to be considered. Planned publication for the thematic issue is June 2018.