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AuthorAID
A concept to balance
international information
flow and transfer

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What is AuthorAID?

A concept

A goal

A practical outcome

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



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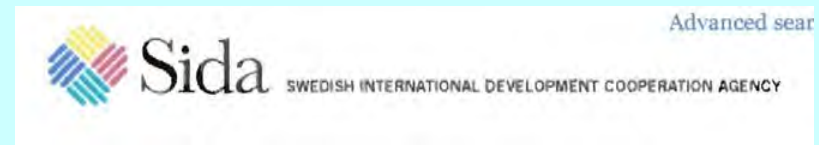


Who supports AuthorAID?

3. Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)

4. Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR)

5. China Medical Board



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1. International Society for Environmental Epidemiology



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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



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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.

Paraje G, Sadana R, Karam G. Increasing international gaps in health-related publications. *Science* 2005; 308: 959-960

“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 [...].”

Sadana R, Paraje G. International gaps in science publications. Response (Letters). *Science* 2005; 309: 1325-1326

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.”

Burrough-Boenisch J. The return of the native: A British perspective. *The Write Stuff* 2008; 17(2): 63-64

“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.”

Habibzadeh F. Science publishing in the Orient: A lost cause? IslamOnline.net. August 25, 2005.
<http://www.islamonline.net/english/Science/2005/08/article11.shtml>. Accessed 7 July 2008.

Conclusion:

AuthorAID and EMAME share many aspirations

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