

ICOH SC Outputs – Breakout Session

Fourteen (14) participants representing approximately 8 Scientific Committees (SCs) and 4 current / former ICOH Board members

- (1a) During introductions, each participant was asked to discuss an experience in publishing with ICOH, if applicable
- (1b) Each participant was then asked to give his / her impressions on what role they see ICOH playing in publications
- (2) What should a ICOH Publications Working Group (WG) consider?



Initial Inputs (1a) - Experience

- 1) Many reported that they have a list of peer review publications in their SC Reports
- 2) They sometimes report on their work in the ICOH Newsletter
- 3) “Statement on Qatar” – very good experience – unanimous opinion that the ICOH Officers provided the leadership and guidance required
- 4) Some have acknowledged ICOH in external, peer-reviewed accredited publications
- 5) Most had not published in ICOH
- 6) Some had submitted a document to ICOH for publication, but never received any feedback
- 7) If working for university or government agencies, there is a strong incentive to publish in accredited, peer-reviewed publications / platforms – these outputs are a requirement for performance evaluations

What should ICOH publish and how?

(1b) - i

- Statements – ICOH Leadership
- Position Papers – ICOH Leadership
- Practical Materials (booklets, brochures, factsheets, guidelines) – SCs (and WGs)
- Meeting reports / proceedings – SCs (and WGs)
- Acknowledging ICOH in external publications is appropriate and encouraged
- It is important for ICOH to have practical outputs and tools
- It is important for ICOH Leadership to make statements on “hot topics” and highlight emerging issues
- These outputs could be achieved much more readily if an official ICOH publication process could be developed and implemented

What should ICOH publish and how?

(1b) - ii

- SCs should publish reports and proceedings from ICOH meetings and conferences; although these have been mostly published in outside publications, these outputs have been mentioned in SC Reports as well as the ICOH Newsletter. However, publishing in the ICOH Newsletter is not done often enough (this existing channel is under-utilized)
- SCs could re-publish their outputs in peer-reviewed articles and proceedings (in line with requirements of particular journals)
- SCs have jurisdiction to publish on their own websites, and should take full advantage of this platform to communicate about their work, to ICOH Leadership and members alike. This would potentially also facilitate collaboration opportunities between SCs

(2) WG on ICOH Publications (i)

There is a need to define / establish a process (step-by-step guide) for publishing an ICOH document:

- Define publication types as each has a specific requirement and format – e.g. statement, position paper, guideline, factsheet, practical tool, etc.
- Once types are defined, develop a simple guideline for creating each publication type
- Define and distinguish between ICOH publications and ICOH SC publications
- Create a check-list or flow diagram for how to create a publication
- What are the submission channels and steps for publishing in ICOH?

(2) WG on ICOH Publications (ii)

- Booklets and other materials published through ICOH are the ideal outputs to acknowledge ICOH expertise and also should include the endorsement of ICOH
- How should ICOH be acknowledged in outside publications? There should be a standard way of acknowledging ICOH in any external publication (which will also serve the purpose of marketing ICOH and publicizing the ICOH brand)
- Guidelines for SC publications to be posted on the respective SC websites
- Write a standard disclaimer to be used on all publications
- Redraft Article 8 “Publications and Websites” – simplify the process and make it feasible to be sustainable
- Additionally, as part of the redraft of Article 8, review what other organizations have in place as their publication process and adapt what could be useful for inclusion in the ICOH publication guideline

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