



The “lost Vision” of EAJO

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Introduction



- EAJO was created in 1976 and later re-named JOECSA in 2013
- Prior to 2007, EAJO was a print journal circulated to OSEA members during annual conferences
- The editor-in Chief did all editorial work (a one man show)
- As a result, the journal was rare, irregular and with Very low international visibility (a dark archive)



The 2006 revival of EAJO



- In 2006, OSEA reviewed the performance of EAJO. The journal did not meet expectations of OSEA members
- A full editorial board created and tasked to revive the journal
- The board developed a strategic plan to address the strategic issues identified by the board.
- The plan expired in 2009 **but it was not renewed/rolled-over**



The 2006 Editorial Board (EAJO revival team)



Editor in Chief

Dr. Jefitha Karimurio

Members

Kenya: Dr. Prabha Choksey, Dr. Kahaki Kimani

Tanzania: Dr. Anthony Hall, Prof. Joseph Sangawe

Uganda Prof. Keneth Kagame, Dr. Jiliet Otit

* Challenge: >80% of editorial board members were dormant



The “lost vision” of EAJO



- OSEA/COECSA wanted/wants:

.....an **international ophthalmic journal** which acts as the **primary outlet** for dissemination of both ophthalmic and prevention of blindness (VISION 2020) **research from Eastern Africa.....**



The “forgotten” Mission



.....to create a high **quality, regular and self-sustaining, peer reviewed** ophthalmic journal which promotes **international visibility and citation** of ophthalmic and community eye health research from the **Eastern African Region.....**



Strategic objectives



1. To raise international visibility and citation of EAJO/JOECSA
2. To create an editorial board and review team of international standard
3. To ensure regular production of the journal
4. To identify more sponsors and potential subscribers
5. To develop a promotional strategy for the journal
6. To train OSEA/COECSA members on scientific writing



Specific objective 1 (re-phrased)



Objective	Activities	Indicator	Responsibility	Deadline
Strengthen editorial and peer review processes	Appoint board members	Full board	OSEA AGM	Dec. 2006
	Appoint peer review team	Reviewers	Board	Appoint as need arises
	Board meeting twice/year	Minutes	Editor in Chief	August and December
	Revise guidelines (authors, reviewers, copyright etc)	Copies of revised guidelines	Board	
	Create editorial office	Office	OSEA AGM	August 2007
	Recruit an editorial manager once the journal picks			OSEA AGM



Specific objective 2



Objective	Activities	Indicator	Responsibility	Deadline
Develop a Strategic Plan (2006-9)	Editor in Chief to make draft and distribute to board members for inputs	SP	Editor in Chief	December 2006



Specific objective 3



Objective	Activities	Indicator	Responsibility	Deadline
Raise international visibility and citation	Acquire ISSN number	ISSN number	Editor in Chief	Dec. 2006
	Listing with AJOL/indexing	AJOL list/index	Editor in Chief	March 2007
	Open OSEA website	Website with EAJO webpage	OSEA Chairman	Feb. 2007



Specific objective 4



Objective	Activities	Indicator	Responsibility	Deadline
To ensure regular production	Publish three issues in 2007 (April, August and December)		Editor in Chief	April, August, December 2007
	Publish quarterly from 2008 (March, June, September and December)		Editor in Chief	March, June, September and December 2008



Specific objective 5 (re-phrased)



Objective	Activities	Indicator	Responsibility	Deadline
Improve funding and number of subscriptions (identify more local, regional and international sponsors and subscribers)	Place promotional EAJO copies at Universities, libraries and offices of partners	List of copies placed	Board/OSEA	December 2006
	Distribute e-copies widely	List of email addresses	Board/OSEA	Continuous exercise



Specific objective 6



Objective	Activities	Indicator	Responsibility	Deadline
Promote EAJO at local conferences and workshops	EAJO Presentations at workshops/conferences	Number of presentations	Board	
	Develop promotion plan and materials: website, posters, email signature etc	Promotional plan, materials developed/distributed	Board	December 2007



Specific objective 7



Objective	Activities	Indicator	Responsibility	Deadline
Organise CME to educate OSEA members and ophthalmology students on scientific writing	Use existing OSEA and EACO CME to promote scientific writing	Number CME sessions	Board/OSEA/EACO	Continuing activity
	Invite renown researchers/editors			
	Approach other Journals like the EAMJ for technical advice		Editor in Chief	Ongoing activity



What next?



- Brainstorming on the steps we should take to re-claim the “lost vision” and mission of EAJO