



The Medical Journalists Association of Japan (www.meja.jp) was established in 1987 by a volunteer group of journalists with interest in areas of medical science, medicine and health. The Association has become an NPO certified by Japanese government in 2006.

The objective of the association is to enhance the quality of reports by medical journalists and communicators, to deepen insight and knowledge in the fields of medical science and healthcare, and to strengthen the science and diversification of medicine as a whole. The association provides a forum for the gathering and exchange of information and for members and organizations to form mutually beneficial relationships.

The association publishes a quarterly newsletter “Medical Journalists”, convenes monthly seminars with medical experts as guest speakers, holds symposiums, conducts visits to medical facilities twice a year and is involved in the publication of relevant books and documents. In the area of publishing, the association translated and published two US Academy of Science publications, “To Err is Human” in 2000 and “A New Health System for the 21st Century” in 2002.

Today, the association has 300 members comprised of individuals in medical science and medicine including reporters and editors involved in newspapers, magazines, television and radio, medical commentators, writers, doctors and co-medicals. In addition, public relations officers of many companies participate as associate members. COSMO currently serves as the Secretariat of the association, helping it to build relationships between the media and medical communities.

Recent Events:

Medical Journalists Association of Japan Public Symposium
“Reforms Sought for the Regulation of Medical Equipment”
February 18, 2008

Medical Journalists Association of Japan Lecture Series
“The Fundamentals of Medical Journalism Lecture”
October to December 2007