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Educational Qualifications

1. Masters in Library & Information Sciences
1997 – 1999 IGNOU - New Delhi – I Class, 66 %
2. Bachelors in Library & Information Sciences
1989-1990 – University of Bombay – Distinction – 70%, 3rd Rank
3. BSc Home Science
1974-1977, Women’s Christian College, Madras - I Class, 65%

Work Experience

1. Founder & Hon CEO, QMed Knowledge Foundation, Mumbai
2007 – till date
2. Director, QMed Services Pvt Ltd, Mumbai Feb 1999 – Mar 2020
3. Chief Librarian, Health Education Library for People, Mumbai - 1995 – 1997
4. Librarian, PD Hinduja National Hospital & Medical Research Centre, Mumbai - 1992-1995
5. Asst Librarian, Indian Institute of Geomagnetism, Mumbai
1990-1992

Achievements

1. Running an unusual Trust, making a change in the medical and health sciences education and research space, by teaching the neglected skills of literature searching and reference management
2. Created and launched Online Courses: “Information Resources & Literature Searching”, “Introduction to Referencing”, “Mastering PubMed” and “Reference Management with Mendeley” available at – www.qmedcourses.in
3. Conducted more than [240 workshops](#) and delivered more than [490 lectures](#) to teach these skills
4. Guided and mentored authors for detailed search strategies for systematic reviews and other reviews (scoping / literature reviews). From 2021, engaged with Research teams of the Lancet Citizens’ Commission for this
5. Collaborated with “The Union” (IUATLD) to conduct detailed workshops on PubMed and the Reference Management Tool – Mendeley, at Delhi, Shillong, Myanmar and Bhubaneshwar
6. Faculty at FAIMER and MECOR programs. FAIMER is a program for medical teachers, offered by the USMLE. MECOR is a program offered by the American Thoracic Society Recognized faculty of the MUHS for research methodology workshops.
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8. Accredited Specialty Speaker of the Maharashtra Medical Council – Speaker Code: MMC/MASS/00030/2016
9. Invited as faculty for a Systematic Review workshop by a collaboration – consisting of the Cochrane Infectious Diseases group, McGill University, “The Union” (IUATLD) and more.
10. Invited to help the ICMR promote the Cochrane Library – an Evidence Based resource (for which it has enabled country wide access) through training sessions
11. Was the only librarian from India to receive a Fellowship to attend the International Congress on Medical Librarianship in 2009
12. Received a Bursary to attend a one week training session on “Critical Appraisal Skills” in Oxford, UK, in 2004

Awards:

1. 2013 – “International Clinical Librarians’ Conference – Evidence into Practice Award” to honour a practising librarian or informationist who has made outstanding contributions to bringing evidence into practice in the field of healthcare. Details at <http://clinicallibrarian.blogspot.com/2013/06/international-clinical-librarian.html>
2. 1998 - Cunningham Memorial International Fellowship – Awarded by the US Medical Library Association, for a 4-month stay in the US to study any specific aspects of medical librarianship. (Could not accept this for personal reasons)

References:

1. Dr. Avinash Supe. Former Director Medical Education & Hospitals; Fomer Dean, Seth GS Medical College, Mumbai & Director – GSMC FAIMER Regional Institute. (avisupe@gmail.com)
2. Dr. Ravi Ramakantan: Director, Dept of Radiology – Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital, Mumbai (raviramakantan@gmail.com / 91-9869420155)
3. Dr. Prathap Tharyan. Director (Retd) South Asian Cochrane Network & Centre, CMC, Vellore (prathaptharyan@gmail.com / 91-9443743851)

Select Publications

1. Sharma A, Easow Mathew M, Sriganesh V, Reiss UM. Gene therapy for haemophilia. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2020, Issue 4. Art. No.: CD010822. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD010822.pub4.
2. Radhika AG, Sharma AK, Perumal V, Sinha A, Sriganesh V, Kulshreshtha V , Kriplani A. Parenteral versus oral iron for treatment of iron deficiency anaemia during pregnancy and post-partum: a systematic review. Obstet Gynecol India (2019). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13224-018-1191-8>
3. Sriganesh V. "Sources of evidence and how to use them", In: Babu AN. Clinical Research Methodology and Evidence-based Medicine: The Basics. 2nd ed New Delhi: Wolters Kluwer, 2014

4. Sriganesh V. Health Information for Consumers in Developing Nations: A Medical Librarian's Perspective. International Journal of User-Driven Healthcare (IJUDH).2013; 3:22-32.

List of publications available at <https://www.qmed.ngo/academic-publications/>

Select posters

1. Sriganesh V. Guiding Residents for Literature Searches and Reference Management for Their Theses: Showcasing the Urgent Need for Training, in a Developing Country. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association, USA, May 26-31, 2017, at Seattle, Washington State
2. Sriganesh V et al. Systematic reviews in Indian publications. How many are really systematic reviews? Poster presented at the WAME International Conference for Medical Journal Editors, Delhi during 1-4th October 2015
3. Sriganesh V. Sowing the Seeds for Informationists to Help Tackle the Doctor Patient Ratio in India. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association, USA, May 2013
4. Sriganesh V. Access alone does not guarantee use. The need for training to use evidence based resources. Poster presented at the 19th Cochrane Colloquium, Madrid, Spain during the dates 19th - 22nd October, 2011

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