

Biodata – Vasumathi Sriganesh

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Educational Qualifications	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Masters in Library & Information Sciences 1997 – 1999 IGNOU - New Delhi2. Bachelors in Library & Information Sciences 1989-1990 – University of Bombay3. BSc Home Science 1974-1977, Women's Christian College, Madras
Work Experience	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Founder & Hon CEO, QMed Knowledge Foundation, Mumbai 2007 – till date2. Director, QMed Services Pvt Ltd, Mumbai (Dormant) 1999 – till date3. Chief Librarian, Health Education Library for People, Mumbai - 1995 – 19974. Librarian, PD Hinduja National Hospital & Medical Research Centre, Mumbai - 1992-19955. Asst Librarian, Indian Institute of Geomagnetism, Mumbai 1990-1992
Achievements	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Running an unusual social enterprise, to make a change in the medical and health sciences education and research space2. Created ELearning courses on: <i>Literature Searching & Referencing and detailed courses on PubMed, Mendeley, Zotero and Literature searching for authoring Systematic Reviews</i>3. Conducted 270+ workshops and delivered around 590+ lectures to teach these skills4. In 2024, conducted a one-day workshop "Advanced PubMed searching for authoring systematic reviews" – for the ICMR Headquarters. Also conducted a similar workshop at NIPER Guwahati as part of a Systematic Review workshop.5. Guided and mentored authors for detailed search strategies for systematic reviews and similar (scoping / literature reviews). <i>This include teams from of the "Lancet Citizens Commission" research project in India for search strategies for their scoping reviews, teams from important medical societies, faculty of medical colleges and more</i>6. Collaborated with "The Union" (IUATLD) to conduct detailed workshops on PubMed and a Reference Management Tool – Mendeley, at Delhi, Shillong, Myanmar and Bhubaneshwar

7. 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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9. Accredited Specialty Speaker of the Maharashtra Medical Council – Speaker Code: MMC/MASS/00030/2016
10. 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.
11. Invited to help the ICMR promote the Cochrane Library – an Evidence Based resource (for which it has enabled country wide access) through training sessions
12. Was the only librarian to receive a Fellowship to attend the International Congress on Medical Librarianship in 2009
13. Received a Bursary to attend a one-week training session on “Critical Appraisal Skills” in Oxford, UK, in 2004

Awards:

1. 2024 – Received the “Dr. S.R. Ranganathan Lifetime Achievement Award” for exceptional contributions to Medical Information Systems - transforming medical information retrieval and reference management across India [More details](#)
2. 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>
3. 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)

Grants

1. April 2023 – Received an *Educational Grant* for QMed Knowledge Foundation – to conduct our workshops and offer our ELearning courses to ten AIIMS institutions in the country

References:

1. Dr. Avinash Supe. Former Director Medical Education & Hospitals; Dean, Seth GS Medical College, Mumbai & Director – GSMC FAIMER Regional Institute, Seth GS Medical College & KEM Hospital, Parel Mumbai. (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. Former Director South Asian Cochrane Network & Centre, CMC, Vellore & Retired Prof of Psychiatry at CMC Vellore (prathap@cmcvellore.ac.in / 91-9443743851)

Publications

1. Sharma A, Easow Mathew M, Sriganesh V, Reiss UM. Gene therapy for haemophilia. Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2020 Apr 28;4(4):CD010822. doi: 10.1002/14651858.CD010822.pub4. PMID: 32342499; PMCID: PMC7192367. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD010822.pub3
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. J Obstet Gynaecol India. 2019 Feb;69(1):13-24.
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.
5. Chatterjee P, Biswas T, Datta A, Sriganesh V. Healthcare information and the rural primary care doctor. South African Medical Journal 2012; 102:138-9 PMID: 22380905
6. Sriganesh V. Using PubMed in radiology: Ten useful tips for radiologists. Indian J Radiol Imaging. 2011; 21:162-9 PMID: 22013289

Significant 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

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