

### Clarification

Our article 'The Institute of History of Medicine in Bengaluru: A lost opportunity' was published in the September–October 2015 issue of the *Journal (Natl Med J India 2015;28:245–9)*. In that article we had referred to Major General S.L. Bhatia and Henry Sigerist as being part of the Bhore Committee. In fact they were not members of the main committee but contributed to its report as explained below. We give the following clarification.

Major General Bhatia submitted the memorandum titled 'The position of physiology in the basic medical curriculum' to the Professional Education Committee under the category of basic medical education.<sup>1</sup>

In order to study the health work and services in foreign countries, six distinguished members in the medical field, from the UK, the USA and Australia were invited to come to India to assist the Committee. They were followed by a representative of the Soviet Government. Henry Sigerist and Joseph Moutin were the experts who came from the USA.<sup>2</sup> Sigerist contributed two articles titled 'Nurseries in the Soviet Union'<sup>3</sup> (which was an excerpt from Sigerist's book *Socialized medicine in the Soviet Union*) and 'The need for an Institute of History of Medicine in India'<sup>4</sup> to the *Report of the Health, Survey and Development Committee*.

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