

Writing a journal article... and getting it published

Description

PhD students, like any other researchers, are required to publish their research in peer-reviewed journals. Many students (and other researchers) consider this a difficult, or even the most difficult part of the research process. This course concentrates on the processes of writing and getting published, using students' actual research studies. The number of participants is restricted to 15.

Objectives

The goal of this course is simple: to enable PhD students to get their articles written and sent off to a journal.

Dates

Monday 7 to Wednesday 9 December 2009

Eligibility

This course is suitable for registered students of the SSPH+ PhD in Public Health program. It is essential that students are actively writing, or are ready to write their article. Practical exercises will use students' own material. The course is not suitable for those who are still planning their study, collecting the data, or doing the analysis. Note that this is not a course on critical appraisal or English language and grammar.

Course structure

A three day course using materials and concepts developed by Tim Albert Training (www.timalbert.co.uk). Participants each bring an idea for a journal article/scientific paper; we will help you to develop this.

By the end of day one participants should have a clear outline for their article, plus a first draft of the introduction.	By the end of day two participants should have written a first draft of their paper.	In the morning of day three we discuss the drafts. In the afternoon we address issues about finalising and submitting articles:
The content is as follows: Understanding the publication game Understanding the key players Setting the brief Organising the material Planning the article Writing the article	Participants work on their articles, focussing on the Discussion section. <i>Participants must be free from their usual duties in order to write.</i>	Rewriting Adding the extras Dealing with others Completing the package Understanding medical journals Dealing with reviewers and editors Strategies for failure - and success Setting a personal action plan
Day one starts at 9.30 and finishes at 16.30.	As long as it takes, but at least two hours.	Day three starts at 9.30 and finishes at 16.30.
<i>By the end of the course participants will have a clear idea of how to complete their paper - and have a timetable for doing so.</i>		

Assessment

Attainment of learning objectives measured by assessing progress of students' own proposed article.

Credits

1 ECTS

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Location

Bern, at the Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine: <http://www.ispm.ch/index.php?id=368>

Course fee

PhD in Public Health candidates registered with SSPH+ register free of charge.
Other students: CHF 850.--, Other academics: CHF 1250.--.

Registration

Online at http://www.ispm-unibas.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en with a copy to dibrahim@ispm.unibe.ch

DEADLINE

PLEASE REGISTER BY 1 NOVEMBER 2009

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