
WRITING SCIENTIFIC PAPERS IN ENGLISH

Content

In the academic world, clear, concise, and well-written texts play an important role in convincing journal editors and conference organisers to accept a paper for review and publication, or to invite a researcher to present at a conference. This workshop supports PhD students and novice researchers who need to produce scientific papers in English. Providing participants with strategies to write short texts efficiently and effectively, it also focuses on standards of professional papers aimed at Anglo-Saxon or international research communities. It enables participants to organise ideas and structure texts effectively, to present their own and other researchers' findings and opinions appropriately, and to use correct terminology and vocabulary.

During the workshop, participants work with their own texts as well with examples from their own disciplines that they bring along and consider to be particularly well-written. They discuss features of good scientific papers and are equipped to use adequate language in different genres and for different audiences. In addition, they receive peer feedback on their own drafts. All exercises empower them to produce clearer, and more correct, concise, and reader-oriented papers.

Topics

The two-day workshop covers the following topics:

- taking inventory: participants' strengths and challenges in writing scientific papers in English;
- a brief introduction to research and writing processes;
- using text analysis to become a better writer;
- reporting findings, ideas, and opinions professionally and adequately;
- making yourself understood: principles of clear and concise writing;
- structuring ideas, organising texts: transitions, connectives, & co.;
- working effectively with co-authors and constructive text feedback;
- useful online and offline resources.

(After the workshop, participants have the opportunity to sign up for an individual writing coaching, or text feedback session. In this session, they can ask for individual feedback on an extract of their written work, or get deeper into issues from the workshop in a one-to-one setting.)

Schedule

Tag 1: 10-17 Uhr, Tag 2: 9.30-16.30 Uhr

Speaker

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