



ISN Regional Scientific Writing Academy Course, 4-6 October 2018
St John's National Academy Health Sciences, Bangalore, India
PROGRAM

DAY 1 - Thursday, October 4, 2018			
<i>Focus: Introduction to importance of research, research question formulation, introduction to writing a paper, literature review and referencing, writing the Methods section</i>			
Time	Topic	Activity (Lecture/Exercise)	Faculty
SESSION 1			
8:30-9:00am	Welcome Inaugural session Introduction of groups	<i>Delegates seated in 4 work groups (5 persons each)</i>	Arpana Iyengar (AI)
9:00-9:45am	Formulating the Research Question – Talk and group based exercise	Lecture	Giovanni Strippoli (GS)
9:45-10:00am	Scientific Paper Writing Overview of the key sections of a paper. Important points to keep in mind while writing a scientific paper	Lecture	Marcello Tonelli (MT)
<i>10:00-10:30 am</i>	<i>TEA BREAK</i>		
SESSION 2			
10:30-10:45 am	Writing the Methods Section – Overview	Lecture	Neesh Pannu (NP)
10:45-11:00 am	Overview of Statistics – statistical tests most commonly used to answer research questions	Exercise 1	Tinku Thomas (TT)
11:00-11:30 am	Writing section on Statistical Analysis – case based examples	Exercise 2	TT
11:30 am -12:00 pm	Literature Search methods – Demonstration		GS
12:00 – 12:30 pm	Reference Manager Demonstration (Mendeleev)	Lecture	Varsha Pardesi (VP)
<i>12:30 - 13:30 pm</i>	<i>LUNCH</i>		
SESSION 3			
13:30 – 15:30 pm	Writing methods including statistical analysis – group activity	Lecture	MK, AI, GS
<i>15:30 – 15:45 pm</i>	<i>TEA BREAK</i>		
15:45 – 17:00 pm	Literature search and referencing – group activity	Lecture	MK, MT, NP



DAY 2 - Friday, October 5, 2018

Focus: Results, discussion, introduction, Submission process

Time	Topic	Activity	Faculty
SESSION 1			
8:30-9:00 am	Writing the Results section (including tables and figures) - overview	Lecture	GS
9:00-10:30 am	Writing the Results section – group activity	Exercise 1	MT, MK, AI
10:30 - 11.00am	<i>TEA BREAK</i>		
SESSION 2			
11:00 – 11:30 am	Key aspects to writing the discussion - overview	Lecture	MT
11:30 am – 13:00 pm	Writing the discussion- group activity	Exercise 2	GS, MK, NP
13:00 – 14:00 pm	<i>LUNCH</i>		
SESSION 3			
14:00 – 14:30 pm	Introduction Section – overview	Lecture	NP
14:30 – 15:30 pm	Writing the paper – group activity	Exercise 3	MK, AI, MT
15:30 - 15:45 pm	<i>TEA BREAK</i>		
15:45- 16:00 pm	Preparing to Submit Manuscript - Choosing a journal	Lecture	GS
16:00 – 16:30 pm	Writing the cover letter – group activity	Exercise 4	GS, NP, MK



Day 3 - Saturday, October 6, 2018

Focus: Abstract, review process, reviewers comments and rebuttal, grant writing and ethics

Time	Topic	Activity	Faculty
SESSION 1			
8:30 - 8:45 am	Abstract – Overview		AI
8:45 - 9:00 am	Writing an abstract for the paper – group activity	Exercise 1	AI, NK, MK
9:15 – 10:00 am	Guide to Reviewers Comments		GS
10:00 – 10:30 am	<i>TEA BREAK</i>		
SESSION 2			
10:30 – 10:45 am	Preparing for re-submission - overview	Lecture	GS
10:45 – 11:30 am	Writing a response to reviewer’s comments – group exercise	Exercise 2	MT, MK, NP
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Grant writing- Do’s and Don’t’s	Lecture	MT
12:00 – 12:30 pm	Quiz - Ethical issues in writing a scientific paper	Exercise 3	PP, AI
12:30 – 13:30 pm	<i>LUNCH</i>		
SESSION 3			
13:30 – 16:00 pm	Discussing their own papers (observational study versus an RCT)		All
16:00 – 16:15 pm	<i>TEA BREAK</i>		
16:15 – 17:00 pm	Conclusion		



GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue:

Pope Paul Auditorium,
St John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Bangalore, India

Faculty:

Marcello Tonelli (MT), Giovanni Strippoli (GS), Neesh Pannu (NP)
Manjula Kurella (MK), Arpana Iyengar (AI) and Tinku Thomas (TT) (St- Head of biostatistics, St John's Research Institute)

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