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Scientific Writing Course

Hosted by and jointly supported by the **Malaysian Society of Nephrology (MSN)**

The course

The ISN Scientific Writing Course (SWC) is a 2-days course given by experts in the field of scientific writing to help physicians and researchers from a range of backgrounds and specialization in nephrology to improve their scientific writing skills, so they achieve the skills needed to publish their research work. The selected participants will receive hands-on and one to one mentoring from faculty on writing skills for their respective research work. The process of translating research projects into publications will receive sustained ongoing guidance from faculty after the course.

Purpose

Achieving and maintaining high standards in science writing is crucial to advancing research as much as sharing, testing and comparing new ideas and discoveries. This course is designed to incorporate:

- The participants' skills in conducting clinical research in nephrology - and getting the results published
- The art and science of manuscript writing and responding to reviewers

Venue and schedule

The ISN Scientific Writing Course (SWC) 2026 co-hosted and jointly supported by the Malaysian Society of Nephrology (MSN) will be organized and held as the following:

- Venue: SUNMED Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- From 27 to 28 July 2026.

A computer/laptop is required to participate in this course.

Teaching method and content

During this course, talented investigators who are in the process of writing a manuscript are guided step-by-step to proficiently review and complete their manuscripts based on world-class methods.

The course consists of a series of didactic lectures, group activity, demonstrations and discussions. It includes a process of critical analysis, constructive feedback and sharing of experiences in the field of research.

The participants should ideally come away with:

- The necessary knowledge base to succeed in publishing scientific papers in top international journals or to prepare a grant application
- An in-depth understanding of scientific peer-review publishing
- How to best present their work in general

- Inspiration and motivation to write but also to do more basic research and launch projects in their own countries
- A better basis for undertaking and/or setting up international collaborative efforts
- Ability to write cover letters, write reviews and evaluate the work of others
- Ability to plan and outline papers in an organized, systematic way, and to incorporate their colleagues' suggestions and observations.

Teachers/ Faculty

English-based tutorials will be delivered by the following international expert scientists:

- Professor Arpana Iyengar (India)
- Professor Rümeyza Kazancıoğlu (Türkiye)
- Professor Giovanni Strippoli (Italy)

A local faculty member will also contribute to the course.

Participants

A maximum of fifteen (15) participants will be accepted for the ISN Scientific Writing Course. Seats are therefore limited.

The responsibility for functioning computer/laptop remains with each participant. The ISN cannot be held liable for weak or unstable internet connection or malfunctioning devices during the course.

Eligibility criteria

The course is open to [ISN members](#) who:

- speak and write English fluently
- are within 5 years or less from their last doctoral degree
- work predominantly in clinical research (i.e. health research requiring approval from a human ethics board)
- have prior experience in research methodology
- have manuscript(s) published in a peer-reviewed journal, or have other indicators of high potential in clinical research
- have an active research project/manuscript
- are demonstrably motivated to improve their scientific writing skills.

Application Process and Selection

Candidates need to apply via the online portal [here](#) by **March 25, 2026**. The application must include:

1. Application form filled out (fully in English)
2. CV (max. 4 pages, PDF or Word format only, fully in English)
3. List of publications (max. 6 items)

4. Presentation of the active research project/manuscript to be finalized during the course
5. Research manuscript to be finalized during the course (PDF or Word format only, in English)
6. Letter of reference from Institution/national society (in English).

The applications received will be reviewed and scored by the ISN faculty members, ISN Young Nephrologists Committee, and MSN. The faculty members will make final decisions on eligibility as required.

The selection process is competitive to keep high-quality standards.

To note that:

- **Prior clinical research experience** and an **active research project/manuscript** that can be used as the basis for participation will receive priority consideration.
- Applications not including documents in English or proof of an active research paper/manuscript may not be considered.
- All the information and documents collected from applicants are strictly confidential and to be used internally and for review purposes only.
- **No fee** will be charged to the selected participants.
- **ISN membership is required to apply.** [Join/renew your ISN membership now](#)
- ISN membership grants access to the [ISN Academy](#). Below is a list of relevant educational resources hosted at the ISN Academy to help you prepare for the course:
 - [ISN YNC Curriculum: Basics of Statistics for a Successful Start in Clinical Research](#)
 - [ISN Webinar: Mixed Methods Research in Kidney Care](#)
 - [Introduction to Qualitative Health Research](#)
 - [ISN YNC Webinar: Understanding Basic Concepts of Clinical Research for Literature Appraisal: What Every Nephrologist Should Know](#)
- **A contribution toward travel** will be granted to selected participants from low-, lower-middle- and upper-middle-income countries.
- **Accommodation will be provided** to selected participants from low-, lower-middle- and upper-middle-income countries.
- **A completion certificate** will be issued to participants at the end of the course.
- **Selected participants may continue to** receive one-on-one mentoring on their papers from the faculty members after the course.

Program

The tentative program is as follows:

Day 1 – Monday, July 27, 2026

	Topic
SESSION 1:	
	Welcome and Introduction
	Formulating the Research Question <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk and group-based exercise

SESSION 2:	
	Scientific paper writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the key sections of a paper • Important points to keep in mind
	Tea/coffee break
SESSION 3:	
	Writing the Methods Section <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview • Overview of commonly used statistical tests
	Writing the Methods section – group discussion & activity
	Lunch
SESSION 4:	
	Writing the Results section
	Writing the Results section – group discussion & activity
	Tea/coffee break
SESSION 5:	
	Introduction section - overview
	Writing the Introduction section – group discussion & activity
	Group dinner

Day 2 – Tuesday, July 28, 2026

	Topic
SESSION 1:	
	Key aspects of writing the Discussion – overview
	Writing the Discussion- group discussion & activity
SESSION 2:	
	Preparing to submit the manuscript and choosing a journal
	Writing the cover letter – group discussion & activity
	Tea/coffee break
SESSION 3:	
	Abstract – overview
	Writing an abstract for the paper – presentations
	Addressing reviewers’ comments
	Lunch
SESSION 4:	

	Preparing for resubmission - overview
	Writing a response to reviewers – group exercise
	Tea/coffee break
SESSION 5:	Final discussion
	Certificate award ceremony
	Closure and departures

The final program will be shared in due time.

Contact for inquiries

For all inquiries, please contact the Course Coordinator via swc@theisn.org.