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Online Scientific Writing Workshop 2020

CPD-accredited (14 points for full attendance)

This programme is designed specifically for members of the four societies (SASOHN, SASOM, SAIOH and MMPA) who would like to improve their scientific writing skills. The programme is structured around the writing of a manuscript for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. Topics include: research integrity and plagiarism, what to do before starting to write a scientific manuscript, writing the different sections of a manuscript, writing a good abstract, and referencing. The programme is interactive, and comprises both lectures and practical exercises. Participants will need to 1) have data that have been analysed and 2) have started writing a scientific manuscript. The specific stage of the writing process is not important. Applications from those without a clear idea (on paper) of what they plan to write about, will not be considered.

Participants must be prepared to share their writing with their group members, and to both receive and provide constructive criticism related to their own and others' writing.

The 4-day workshop, facilitated by Prof. Gill Nelson (Editor-in-Chief) and Dr Zodwa Ndlovu (Assistant Editor), will be held over two weeks (Mondays and Thursdays) in July, September and November 2020. For the majority of the sessions, participants will need to review and listen to the voice over PowerPoint presentations prior to the facilitated discussions. The presentations will be emailed to participants on the day preceding each workshop day.

Participants should submit written work to the facilitators within 48 hours of the close of each day. Limited personal, one-on-one, post-programme writing consultations will be offered to all participants, via e-mail.

To apply, please complete the form below, and email it to: gill.nelson@wits.ac.za

Name: _____

Affiliated Society: _____

Academic status, e.g. Masters, PhD or post-doc student: _____

No. of papers published in peer-reviewed journals: _____

Title of scientific paper in preparation: _____

Type of data analysis: quantitative qualitative mixed

Preferred date (see pg 3): Jul Sep/Oct Nov

PROGRAMME

Times indicated are for facilitated 'live' interactions; durations for reviewing presentations (self-study) are estimated and will vary from participant to participant.

DAY 1 (Monday)	ACTIVITY	Time	Duration
Welcome and introduction	Facilitated discussion	09h00	45 min.
Overview of writing a manuscript	Facilitated discussion	09h45	30 min.
Integrity and authorship	Presentation		45 min.
	Individual work - short exercise		30 min.
Writing the aims and objectives	Presentation		30 min.
Writing the methods	Presentation		30 min.
	Individual writing time		
	Facilitated discussion	15h00	90 min.
	Evaluation of Day 1		
DAY 2 (Thursday)	PRESENTATIONS AND EXERCISES		
Feedback from Day 1	Facilitated discussion	09h00	15 min.
Writing the results	Presentation		40 min.
	Individual work - exercise		45min.
Writing the introduction, and referencing	Presentation		30 min.
	Individual work - exercise		30 min.
	Individual writing time		
Questions and feedback	Facilitated discussion	15h00	90 min.
	Evaluation of Day 2		
DAY 3 (Monday)	PRESENTATIONS AND EXERCISES		
Feedback from Day 2	Facilitated discussion	09h00	15 min.
Writing the discussion	Presentation		45 min.
Writing the abstract	Presentation		45 min.
	Individual writing time		
Questions and feedback	Facilitated discussion	15h00	90 min.
	Evaluation of Day 3		
DAY 4 (Thursday)	PRESENTATIONS AND EXERCISES		
Feedback from Day	Facilitated discussion	09h00	15 min.
Final steps in writing a manuscript	Facilitated discussion	09h15	15 min.
Submission and review process	Presentation		45 min.
	Individual writing time		
Questions, feedback and wrap-up	Facilitated discussion	15h00	90 min.
	Evaluation of Day 4		

During the individual writing sessions, participants will be expected to write and/or revise the relevant sections of their manuscripts. The facilitators will provide guidance and advice regarding content and structure, via email.

COST OF WORKSHOP: R2 000 (minimum of 8 participants)

The fee (to be paid 7 days before commencement of workshop) will cover:

- Workshop facilitation and course content
- Administration: invoicing, processing of payments and generation of certificates

Payment to be made, on invoice, to:

Name: Occupational Health Southern Africa/Mettamedia (Pty) Ltd

Bank: Standard

Branch: Paarl

Branch no.: 050210

Account no.: 272541982

PROPOSED DATES FOR 2020

20, 23, 27, 30 July

21, 23, 28 September, 1 October

16, 19, 23, 26 November