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15 - 17 September 2010

**3-day intensive course
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How to write a Scientific Paper



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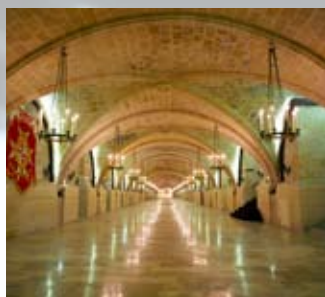


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Core Subjects

- Seeking material for publication & grants
- Medline searching in depth
- How to write a paper
- Which journals to target
- The viewpoint of the journal editor
- Tackling editors
- Conferences: abstract & poster preparation
- How not to give a Powerpoint presentation
- Excel statistical analysis modules
- One practical, hands-on Excel module



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Course Programme

15 September 2010

08:00	Registration
08:30	Introduction to the meeting - <i>Victor Grech</i>
08:45	What can I publish - types of studies - <i>Victor Grech</i>
09:15	Stats 1: Data entry in Excel, Excel forms and pivot tables - <i>Victor Grech</i>
09:45	Coffee
10:15	Online research tools - <i>Charles Savona Ventura</i>
10:45	Critical appraisal of existing research - <i>Josanne Vassallo</i>
11:15	Stats 2: Introduction to statistical analysis using Excel - <i>Victor Grech</i>
11:45	Lunch
12:45	Plagiarism and ethics of dealing with colleagues - <i>Josanne Vassallo</i>
13:15	Stats 3: T-tests, Z-test and ANOVA - <i>Victor Grech</i>
13:45	Ethical approval for the study - <i>Simon Attard Montalto</i>
14:15	Stats 4: Contingency tables and relative risk - <i>Victor Grech</i>
14:45	Recruitment and informed consent - <i>Simon Attard Montalto</i>

16 September 2010

08:00	Review - <i>Victor Grech</i>
08:15	Stats 5: Odds ratio, confidence intervals for a proportion - <i>Victor Grech</i>
08:45	Stats 6: Correlation, regression, multivariate analysis - <i>Victor Grech</i>
09:15	Designing a study - <i>Neville Calleja</i>
09:45	Coffee
10:15	Stats 7: More on multivariate analysis - <i>Neville Calleja</i>
10:45	Validation of questionnaires - <i>Neville Calleja</i>
11:15	Interfacing with the laboratory - <i>Chris Barbara</i>
11:45	Lunch
12:45	How not to give a presentation - <i>Charles Savona Ventura</i>
13:15	Stats 8: Survival analysis, number needed to treat/harm, power - <i>Neville Calleja</i>
13:45	Structuring a scientific paper - <i>Charles Savona Ventura</i>
14:15	The reader's perspective of a submission - <i>Joe Cacciotolo</i>
14:45	Applying for a grant - <i>Josanne Vassallo</i>

17 September 2010

08:00	Review - <i>Victor Grech</i>
08:15	The editor's perspective of a submission - <i>Josanne Vassallo</i>
08:45	Preparing an abstract - <i>Victor Grech</i>
09:15	Dealing with the editorial process - <i>Josanne Vassallo</i>
09:45	Coffee
10:15	Which journals to target and why - <i>Joe Cacciotolo</i>
10:45	Preparing a poster - <i>Victor Grech</i>
11:15	Stats 9: Meta-analysis - <i>Nancy Formosa</i>
11:45	Lunch
12:45	Practical Excel: Hands on testing with delegate's laptops - <i>Victor Grech</i>