



Writing scientific research articles

Workshops to improve writing and publishing skills

For early-career researchers and final-year doctoral students

- Designed to raise participants' awareness of the highly strategic nature of international science publishing
- Tailored to the specific requirements of the most relevant journals for the participants
- Develop skills and strategies for planning, writing and submitting articles likely to meet target journal standards
- Participants bring an example article from the journal to which they intend to submit, plus an early draft manuscript or a set of analysed results ready to write as a paper.

Workshop Approach

- I am an applied linguist/research communication teacher with over 8 years' experience in presenting training workshops collaboratively with scientists who are experienced authors, referees and editors. See below for collaboration options.
- Each section of a scientific article is broken down to examine the specific structure, function and language of its components and how they contribute to meeting referee expectations.
- Participants are taught to use these components effectively to present and discuss the most important and novel findings of their research for their chosen audience.
- Participants learn strategies for dealing with each stage of the process, from planning to dealing with reviews.
- Techniques are included for ongoing development of discipline-specific English and research writing skills, tailored to the language background and experience level of the participants.
- Refereed publications on the implementation of the approach in Australia, Spain and PR China are available on request.

A key resource is *Writing Scientific Research Articles: Strategy and Steps*, M. Cargill and P. O'Connor, Wiley-Blackwell (2009).

Presentation Options

- Intensive hands-on workshops of 2-5 days (depending on experience/ language background of participants) presented by a collaborative SciWriting team including scientist/s from a field relevant to the participants
 - If desired, scientists from the client institution can be members of the presentation team.
- Half- or full-day workshops/lectures for participants from a wider range of science disciplines (single presenter)
- One-day pre-conference workshops tailored to journals relevant to conference attendees
- Train-the-trainer add-on to any of the above options, to train local staff to use the approach
- Training for supervisors/mentors who support novice manuscript authors

Fee structure

Fees are negotiated on a case-by-case basis as part of program development. Travel and accommodation are charged at cost – for clients located outside Adelaide it can be cost-effective if several institutions arrange workshops in a contiguous time period and share the presenter travel costs.

**Contact me to discuss a program to meet the needs of your research group,
institute or university.**