Good scientific writing skills open up many opportunities to the researcher: publications, conference or seminar attendance. They also lead to better patents, better research partnerships and better funded research. Clarity and efficiency in scientific writing bears witness to the quality of a researcher; it influences career promotion.

This course is based on the book “Scientific Writing 2.0: a Reader and Writer’s Guide”. It helps identify and articulate the differences between efficient and deficient scientific writing. Through many in-class exercises and the use of Scientific Writing Assistant (SWAN), it promotes good scientific writing habits such as conciseness and clarity.

Course Structure

Introduction: “Write to be read” - a reader and “super-reader” perspective

Module 1: The ‘Why’ and the ‘How’ of each item in a standard scientific paper structure: title, abstract, introduction, body (headings, subheadings, tables and graphs), conclusion, and references

Module 2: The writing process and the writing strategy

Module 3: Elementary principles of composition: reaching clarity, conciseness, precision and fluidity in writing

Module 4: Identification of writing problems: a walkthrough process to detect structural problems at the sentence, paragraph, and paper level

Mode of Assessment

Participants bring their own writing sample. At the end of the course, this sample is significantly improved.

Your Trainer

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Course Details

Date: 1 – 3 April 2013
Time: 1.30pm – 5.30pm (Monday)
       9am – 5pm (Tuesday & Wednesday)
Duration: Two and a half days
Venue: NUHS Tower Block,
       1E Kent Ridge Road Singapore 119228
Fee: $695.50 per participant (inclusive of course materials, lunches and tea breaks)

To register, please visit:
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Registration is on a first come first served basis, with full payment.
Closing date is Friday, 1 March 2013.
Any cancellation or replacement has to be conveyed to the organiser in writing. There will be no refund in fees for cancellation notice received after 1 March 2013.

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