**Training course on research writing: publishing in high impact journals**

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**Objective of this training course:**

This course aims to train early career researchers and PhD students to write for top journals and convert conference papers into successful quality journal articles. Writing for journals requires skills that not only include sharpened research ability but also understanding the way journals work and operate. This workshop will go through the whole spectrum of manuscript preparation, journal selection, submission, response to reviewers, decision aftermath, and ethical matters. This training will equip researchers with skills that would enable them to confidently submit and publish papers in top ranked journals. Conducting quality research is only the beginning of the process. Publishing in top journals is the ultimate aim. Several world ranking organizations use journal publications as a main criterion for ranking universities and academic departments. Therefore, it is imperative that researchers learn the right strategy that would maximize their chances of getting their paper accepted in top journals.

**Agenda**

Introduction

Essentials of technical writing and publication

* Why should we publish?
* How to start?
* Structure of a good paper

Important aspects of journal paper writing

* Dissection of abstract and conclusion
* Exercise 1 – Writing an Abstract
* Exercise 2 – Writing a Conclusion

Good and bad papers

* Examples

Submission and Review

* What to watch out for
* Interacting with editors and responding to reviewers
* Reviewing for journals

Other aspects of journal publication

* Ethics, authorship, citations and impact factors