

PhD Program in Clinical and Molecular Medicine

“SCIENTIFIC WRITING COURSE”

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*Pre-work: Students must send **an abstract of their project as specified below** to myriam.alcalay@ieo.it two weeks before the beginning of the course.*

Day 1

9.30- 11.00 Principles of Effective Writing

- Reducing
- Using the active voice
- Writing with verbs
- Writing good sentences
- Writing good paragraphs

11.15-12.45 Grammar in Scientific English

- Common mistakes
- Punctuation

14.00-15.00 Exercises

- Multiple choice exercises
- Sentence rewrites

Day 2

9.30-11.30 Writing an original manuscript

- Organizing your work
- Format of original manuscripts
- Setting up a draft, revising
- How to write specific sections: Title, Abstract, Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion
- *Basic skills of literature review (on request)*
- *Written assignments for your PhD program (on request)*

11.45-12.45 Plagiarism and Copyrights

Afternoon Abstract rewrite

- Students will re-write their abstract on the basis of what they learned and send it to myriam.alcalay@ieo.it by 18,00.

Day 3

11.30- 13.00 Discussion of Abstracts before/after.

Instructions for abstract

In preparation of the Scientific Writing course, please write and abstract of your project according to the guidelines below:

- Write your **name**
- Write a **Title**
- Write an abstract of maximum **250 words**
- Write the **word count**
- Name the file with your last name followed by the number "1" (with no space in the middle), such as in "**Smith1**"

Send the file in MS Word (please no .pdf) to myriam.alcalay@ieo.it two weeks before the beginning of the course.