Scientific Writing Workshop
Course Description
Leadership Sculptor GmbH

Relevance:
Young scientists can benefit from the workshop because they receive information about what makes a clear, concise, and compelling manuscript. They also have the chance to receive individual feedback on their own manuscripts, so they can make changes in their texts in parallel to learning the theory. In addition, the workshop addresses typical challenges with scientific writing and offers guidance about overcoming those obstacles.

Used Methods:
Some theory on writing a manuscript is provided by PowerPoint slides or on a flip chart. The theory is used to prepare the participants for the exercises integral to this course. The exercises are conducted in small groups. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to work by themselves to edit their own texts using what they learn during the course. The trainer is always available during the sessions to assist and give feedback.

Use:
The participants learn to identify the key message they want to convey to the reader. They will better understand what information to include in their manuscript and how to organise it to generate a logical flow of the text. This helps to make it easier for the reader to grasp what the writer means. Additionally, the participants will learn how to edit their texts in a structured manner.

Special activities / are participants required to prepare the workshop?
The workshop is very interactive. To make the workshop most effective, we recommend that the participants bring their current pieces of writing to the course, which they can improve during the workshop.
Objectives:
To help participants to gain confidence in their scientific writing and editing skills and to provide them with feedback and tips that will help them improve their current and future writing projects.

Contents:
- How to match your paper to the reviewer’s criteria
- How to organize the content of a paper
- How to revise your writing at the paragraph and sentence level
- How to simplify your writing
- How to write an abstract
- Hallmarks of good English
- How to generate a good title
- How to market a project

Trainer: CJ Fitzsimons, PhD

Duration of the workshop: 16 teaching units (45 minutes each)