



You are a
PreDoc student and
want to improve your
scientific writing
skills?

International Summer School

23 – 27 September 2019

The international Summer School offers a great opportunity to improve your scientific writing skills within five days. Additionally, you will increase your team skills and benefit from exchanging information and experiences with colleagues from the TU Universities Wien and Budapest.

Target group: PreDoc students from TU Wien and BME (Budapest and Vienna)

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The Program consists of three parts as described below.

PART I: Story-telling and structuring a scientific paper

What will we focus on

We will discuss the following questions regarding the preparation of a scientific manuscript:

- How do I plan the project 'paper writing' so that I am most efficient?
- Do I already have enough results for a publication?
- How do I structure my paper so that it's cogent, interesting and has a clear story line?
- What information should each section (abstract, introduction, method, results, discussion/conclusion) contain and how do I present it?
- What's the perfect journal for my paper and what should I pay attention to when submitting my manuscript there?
- How do I react to comments from the journal or if my manuscript is rejected?
- How do I prevent or solve writer's block?
- And a lot more...

How we will work

- Lecture including exercises
- Group work and group discussion
- Text analysis: **Bring your own texts** (details see below) to learn whether your audience got the scientific messages you wanted to convey!?!
- Any further questions regarding scientific writing? Ask!!

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Date: 23 September 2019; 11:00 – 17:00 and 24 September 2019; 09:00 – 17:00

Location: Seminar Room Erzherzog Johann, attic floor Erzherzog Johann Platz 1, 1040 Wien

PART II: Teambuilding

Through team exercises in an indoor and outdoor setting we will get to know each other better and create an improved base for collaboration. These activities will naturally demonstrate the challenges in an interpersonal and intercultural context. Guided reflection will facilitate personal and group awareness for these aspects.

Throughout the day we will introduce a personality description model (Riemann) as well as a team role profile system (Belbin). These content blocks will serve as reference frameworks in order to improve awareness for aspects of working in a team.

What we will do:

- Enhance participants' self-reflection and effect on collaboration
- Get to know each other better
- Understand dynamics of team roles and personality types
- Establish good collaboration base during international Summer School

Course leader: Lukas Brunbauer (www.lbr.company) and
Mag. Andreas Marquet (<http://www.marquet.at/>)

Date: 25 September 2019; 9:00 – 17:00

Location: Outdoor in Oberlaa and indoor at Hotel Eitljörg



PART III: Looking at the language and talking about your text

What we will focus on

- Writing a good English sentence (word order)
- Producing a paragraph that flows (linking)
- The great art of streamlining and cutting redundant words
- Enhancing readability (think of your reader)
- Talking about your work: a good way to improve your writing

How we will work

- Workshop setting: we will check and improve YOUR texts!
- Text analysis: what makes a text smooth and readable?
- Group discussion: your experience and challenges
- Handouts for practice and reference (useful tips)
- Theoretical input (grammar) as required in context

Liz Hambrusch

Conference interpreter; translator of medical and scientific texts; communication and skills trainer in English. Many years of experience working with researchers at universities and in industry.

In the workshop “Looking at the language and talking about your text” we will check your wording, analyze and improve sentence flow and streamline your texts. We will start with your Abstracts, and then move on to Introductions and Conclusions as these sections are quite challenging to write.

Date: 26 September 2019; 09:00 – 17:00 and 27 September 2019; 09:00 – 16:00

Location: Seminar Room Erzherzog Johann, attic floor, Erzherzog Johann Platz 1, 1040 Wien

For PART I and III: Please bring your own texts!!!

In these two parts of the Summer School we want to work with your own texts (I - structuring and story-telling, III - scientific English). For this please **bring 2-3 texts you have written.**

What types of texts:

- A paper, poster, report, thesis, grant application, proposal etc.
- Either short texts (approx. 500 words), e.g. an abstract, a short introduction, the conclusion, a figure plus results description etc. or longer texts, but then please indicate which part (approx. 500 words) you want to discuss in PART I.
- **Please not only abstracts!!!**
- Please bring also 16 copies for your colleagues.

Suggestion: Pick a text you had PROBLEMS with, you are NOT HAPPY with or you found PARTICULARLY CHALLENGING to write, regarding structure and messages and/or wording and English. The group will help you to improve it!!

THANK YOU!

One evening we will get a **guided tour of the TUW library with an introduction to the Open Access publication facilities for young scientists.**

Application: Applicants must submit the following documents:

- Motivation letter
- 2-3 English texts you want to work on at the summer school (as described on previous page)

All application documents should be submitted in English and must be received no later than 18 June 2019. Please send the documents to the contact person at your university.

Please note that the number of participants is limited.

Date and Location: 23 – 27 September 2019 in Vienna

Accommodation: The following two hotels are recommended for participants who need overnight accommodation. Both hotels are located close to TU Wien. Please book the room yourself; costs have to be covered by yourself!

Motel One Wien-Staatsoper ***

Elisabethstraße 5
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<https://www.motel-one.com/de/hotels/wien/hotel-wien-staatsoper/>

Hotel Drei Kronen Wien City ***

Schleifmühlgasse 25
1040 Vienna
+43 1 587 32 89
office@hotel3kronen.at
www.hotel3kronen.at

A cheaper Accomodation is **the Youthotel in the Myrthengasse:**

<https://www.oehv.at/jugendherbergen/wien/1070vienna/>

Costs: Your university will cover the costs of TU 4 Summer School as well as of your travel (public transport only Bp - Vienna - Bp). For details please contact the person in charge at your university.

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