

ESTS Course on Medical Writing

ESTS School of Thoracic Surgery: Academic Competence Track

4th Edition

Hamburg, Germany, 11 – 13 April 2016

ESTS Course on Medical Writing has been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education for a maximum of, or up to 12 European CME credits (ECMEC)

21 Continuing Education Credits – Category C with Arztekammer Schleswig-Holstein

Faculty:

Pierre Emmanuel Falcoz	ESTS Director of the Database
Enrico Ruffini	ESTS Director of the Annual Meeting
Alan Sihoe	Associate Editor (Thoracic), Interactive Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Visualized Surgery

Faculty and delegates are expected to arrive before 14.00. An informal lunch will be offered.
Delegates are asked to bring along their note-books for hands-on sessions!

1st day: 11 April 2016

14.00: Welcome E Ruffini
Presentation of ESTS School
Presentation of faculty and introduction to the course

14.30– 18.00: Section 1: The structure of a medical article/ interactive.

- Why should we publish? A Sihoe (G Varela)
- the cycle of a manuscript : from submission to publication A Sihoe (G Varela)
- *Round Table discussion : which problems I met and what I expect from the course (panel of experts and participants)*

Coffee break 16.00-16.30

- The core substance of an article! (Interactive) E Ruffini (G Massard)

- o instructions for authors: the forgotten page!!
- o general rules
- o the different types of publications
 - original article
 - review article
 - case report
 - how I do it
 - letter to the editor
 - editorial
- o how to write an original article

- Particularities of other types of publications E Ruffini
- *Discussion round*
- *Conclusion of the day: what is a good idea?* A Sihoe (P Thomas)

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2nd day: 12 April 2016

9.00 – 10.30 Section 2: basics of methodology and statistics (+ practical demo of software)

- the different types of study
 - the storage of data : construction of a database
 - basic statistics
 - o how to present data : descriptive statistics
 - o how to compare data : analytic statistics
 - o survival estimate
 - o how to evaluate diagnostic tests
 - o when should I call a statistician?
- P E Falcoz (G Varela)
E Ruffini
P E Falcoz (G Massard)

Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 Section 3: journals and references (interactive)

- the final step of my manuscript : some useful tips
 - o how to select a journal for submission?
 - what I should check before submission?
 - adequate referencing is important!
 - o how to find references?
 - o how to select references?
- P E Falcoz (P Thomas)
A Sihoe

Lunch 12.30 – 14.00

14.00 – 17.00 Hands-on in parallel

Hands-on 1: Practical stats

- software
 - how to select the appropriate test
- E Ruffini

Hands-on 2: How to present my data?

- fundamentals about graphs and tables
 - different types of graphs or figures, and what they express
- A Sihoe

Hands-on 3: How to optimize use of PubMed?

- examples with PubMed
 - how to store my references
- P E Falcoz

Informal coffee break during hands-on

17.00 – 18.30 Section 4: Critical Reading of medical articles (interactive)

- Generalities
 - Example of a poor paper
 - Discussion
- A Sihoe
P E Falcoz
all panelists

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3rd day: 13 April 2016

8.30 – 9.30 Section 5: How to prepare an oral presentation

- Before the presentation
 - o choice of congress E Ruffini
 - o how to get my abstract accepted!

- My first presentation!
 - o the number and structure of slides A Sihoe
 - o how to behave on the stage!
 - o how to handle questions from the audience

9.30 – 12.00 Hands-on 4: the paper doctor's consultation

Free discussion of participants with faculty to solve practical problems with the participants' publications. The group will be split into 5 parts, each will be tutored by one of the faculty members

Informal coffee break in between

12.00 – 13.00 Section 6: some tips and tricks!

- how to prepare an image/video paper
- how to manage a rejected paper !! A Sihoe
- Evaluation and conclusion P E Falcoz

An informal lunch will be offered at 13.00

Faculty presentations:

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