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ESTS SCHOOL OF THORACIC SURGERY

ACADEMIC COMPETENCE TRACK
ESTS COURSE ON SCIENTIFIC MEDICAL COMMUNICATION

1-3 November 2023 — **Lindner Hotel Prague Castle, Prague**

An application will be made for accreditation
to European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education
(EACCME®).

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This course is intended to improve oral and written communication skills in medicine through better research methodology, written style and performance on stage. Although all course materials are related to Thoracic Surgery, attendance is also recommended for other clinical specialties, mostly for people in training.

FACULTY

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DAY 1 | WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2023

Introduction and aims of the course
Gonzalo Varela and

Welcome to the course
Nuria Novoa [VIRTUAL]

CLINICAL RESEARCH

13:00-13:20 h — **Basic principles: relevant topics and good hypothesis**
Gonzalo Varela

13:20-14:00 h — **Evidence means more than randomised trials: types of epidemiological studies in clinical medicine**
Pierre-Emmanuel Falcoz

14:00-14:20 h — **Observational studies without comparison: descriptive studies and their value**
Gonzalo Varela

14:20-15:00 h — **Basic statistics for analytical studies**
Luca Bertolaccini

15:00-15:30 h — **Outcome prediction in surgical practice**
Pierre-Emmanuel Falcoz

16:00-16:30 h — Break

16:30-17:00 h — **Survival analysis**
Luca Bertolaccini

17:00-17:30 h — **How many cases and where from the cases?**
Pierre-Emmanuel Falcoz

17:30-18:30 h — **Hands on. Design your study according to topics suggested by the faculty**
All, leading Luca Bertolaccini

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DAY 2 | THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2023

THE MANUSCRIPT

09:00-09:30 h **The cycle of a manuscript: from submission to publication**
Pierre-Emmanuel Falcoz

09:30-10:15 h **Do's and don'ts when writing the Introduction, Methods, Results, and Discussion sections**
Alessandro Brunelli

10:00-10:30 h **Bibliography**
Gonzalo Varela

10:30-11:00 h Break

11:00-11:30 h **The conclusions section: answering the hypothesis**
Gonzalo Varela

11:30-12:00 h **Choosing the right journal**
Luca Bertolaccini

12:00-12:30 h **What review the reviewers and how to answer their comments?**
Alessandro Brunelli

12:30-14:00 h Lunch

14:00-14:30 h **My manuscript is rejected: what now?**
Gonzalo Varela

14:30-15:30 h **Learning from others: try to find what is wrong in real anonymized examples**
All, leading Gonzalo Varela

15:30-16:30 h **From clinical practice to improving the evidence Transforming real clinical problems in hypothesis and evidences.**
All, leading Gonzalo Varela

16:30-17:00 h Break

17:00-18:00 h **Discussing earlier delegates' experiences. What was wrong and why?**
All, leading Pierre-Emmanuel Falcoz

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DAY 3 | FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2023

ORAL COMMUNICATION

08:30-09:00 h **Abstracts' selection criteria in mayor international meetings**
Gonzalo Varela

09:00-09:30 h **Try to find out mistakes in these real abstracts and how to improve them**
All, leading Gonzalo Varela

09:30-10:00 h **Effective presentations using Power Point: a few rules**
Luca Bertolaccini

10:00-10:30 h Break

10:30-11:00 h **How to present and keep the audience awake**
Alessandro Brunelli

11:00-11:30 h **Questioning and handling the audience questions**
Pierre-Emmanuel Falcoz

11:30-12:00 h **Neither oral nor written, poster**
Luca Bertolaccini

12:00-12:30 h **Conclusions**
Gonzalo Varela

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