

Wednesday 25th October, 2017

**Summary: CICASP Seminar 66
Scientific Writing (2/3) - Abstracts**

This was the second in a block of three seminars aimed at giving advice and practise at scientific writing. The topic was writing an effective abstract for a scientific journal article. Abstracts are a brief summary of the whole manuscript, following the IMRaD format (introduction, methods, results, discussion). The seminar included three class activities. First, students were handed a piece of paper on which part of an abstract was written. Their task was to find the others with the missing parts of the same abstract by asking questions in their own words, not the words on the paper. The next task was to identify what section was missing from an edited abstract (introduction, methods, results or discussion). All groups aced this task. The final task was to write an abstract for an existing article. By the end of the seminar, each group had composed an effective abstract. Each member of the team wrote one of the four necessary components of the abstract before combining these as a group. This collaborative teamwork approach worked very well.

Wednesday 1st November, 2017

**Outline: CICASP Seminar 67
Scientific Writing (3/3) – Cover Letter and keywords**

In the second of three seminars on scientific writing, we will focus on writing journal submission cover letters and choosing keywords. When you submit a journal article to a journal, you are also required to submit a cover letter, one main aim of which is to 'sell' your article to the editor. In this seminar there will be some fun and useful activities related to these key topics.