Scientific Writing in Life Sciences and Natural Sciences (for advanced PhD students)

For most, scientific writing is difficult. PhD candidates and scientists often struggle with writing journal articles or their thesis, while simultaneously completing time-consuming research projects. In addition, the standards for the publication of journal articles are increasing so there is pressure to publish high quality papers.

With discipline and commitment, scientific writing is a skill that can be learned and mastered. In this workshop, the trainer will work with participants to develop a set of “how-to” strategies for writing journal articles and theses, and for increasing writing productivity.

Please note
During the workshop, participants can draft part of their current writing project, for example a journal article or a thesis (1 to 2 pages). Therefore participants are asked to decide in advance which writing task they want to do during the workshop.

Ideally, participants should already have started their research project and be at the stage of writing (in order to take the most advantage from the workshop).

The workshop is especially useful for advanced PhD candidates from Natural and Life Sciences.

Day One Topics
- Common challenges and misunderstandings in scientific writing
- The stages of the writing process
- Clear scientific writing
- The sections of a scientific article
- The paragraph as a basic writing unit

Day Two Topics
- How to create figures and tables
- How to organize the flow of information
- Techniques and software available to increase writing productivity
- Team work with co-authors and supervisors
- How to organize time in order to reach writing goals

This course will be held in English.