

WASP@



WRITE A SCIENTIFIC PAPER COURSE: 13-15 March, 2018
Venue: MUMN, Les Lapins, Court B No 3, Independence Avenue, Mosta
Awarded 18 EACCME points. www.ithams.com/wasp - mime@ithams.com

IDEAL for all individuals in the sciences who wish to enhance their paper writing skills.

WASP is an international & unique course.

Mixed qualitative & quantitative analysis methods.

Tailored for nursing and allied healthcare professionals.

Intensive three day course at the MUMN premises, Discounted for MUMN members.

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Core Topics:

Prepare

A compelling abstract.

An attractive poster.

A captivating presentation.

How to lay out a paper.

Which journals to target.

Dealing with editors.

Materials for publication.

A paper and a thesis.

Ethics & data protection.

Excel stats modules.

Hands-on stats session.

“If you haven't published, it is as if you haven't done it.”

Prof V. Grech



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Why is it important for professionals to attend the Write a Scientific Paper (WASP) course?

When it comes to academia and even to promotion at the workplace, we now find ourselves in a publish-or-perish culture. We are thus expected to produce research and write papers, but the skills are many, varied and not easy to acquire. Indeed, many of us acquire these skills piecemeal. For professionals who wish to succeed, at work or academically, WASP is a short-cut, an intensive exposure to what is required in order to be able to write and publish a research paper. WASP has been held since 2010 and is held not only in Malta but also in London, and WASP is also in discussion to possibly be held in other cities in the UK, in Milan and in Bahrain. Each course has been fine-tuned by feedback from successive attendees. It is likely for this reason that all aspects of WASP consistently score close to 5/5 in feedback from delegates.

What's in it for me as a professional?

Attendees are given soft copies of all talks and all papers used in the discussions, along with all of the spreadsheets and datasets discussed during the talks. Delegates are intensively coached and given many tips, tricks and pointers as to how to deal with the entire process, from seeking material to publish, to creating a proposal, dealing with ethics and data protection, preparing a compelling abstract, an attractive poster and a captivating presentation. Clear instructions are given as to how to lay out a paper, choosing a journal to target, understanding the viewpoint of the journal editor, tackling editors, the difference between a paper and a thesis, basic usage of Excel™ and simple statistical analysis. Delegates also get to do a half-day, hands-on stats module. All speakers are seasoned and veteran paper writers. ***The purpose is to impart the lecturers' collective experience to the delegates in this crucial aspect of career progress.*** WASP courses are held over three days and accrue 18 international CME points (EACCME - <https://www.uems.eu/areas-of-expertise/cme-cpd/eaccme>).

Why is WASP customised as a bespoke course for MUMN members?

WASP has forged a course which caters for delegates interested in qualitative analysis. For this reason, for the first time, WASP is covering a program of both qualitative & quantitative analysis. The former is quite relevant to nursing and allied health care professionals insofar as research in these fields is often conducted qualitatively or with mixed methods. WASP is therefore proud to venture into this new program with the help of MUMN – hence this course is WASP@MUMN. We (both MUMN and WASP) hope that this course will become an annual event. WASP@MUMN has these two distinguished invited speakers from:



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