

# WASP@



## WRITE A SCIENTIFIC PAPER COURSE: 13-15 March, 2018

Venue: MUMN, Les Lapins, Court B No 3, Independence Avenue, Mosta

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### Tue 13th March

8:00 AM	Registration	
8:30 AM	Introduction to <b>WASP</b>	TBA
8:45 AM	What can I publish - types of studies	V Grech
9:15 AM	Stats 1: Data entry in Excel, forms & pivot tables	V Grech
9:45 AM	Coffee	
10:00 AM	Stats 2: Introduction to stats using Excel	V Grech
10:30 AM	Bogus journals and open access	S Cuschieri
11:00 AM	Stats 3: T-tests, Z-test and ANOVA	V Grech
11:30 AM	Metrics for papers, authors and journals and open access	S Cuschieri
12:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM	Critical appraisal of existing research	S Cuschieri
1:30 PM	Stats 4: Contingency tables and relative risk	V Grech
1:45 PM	Coffee	
2:00 PM	Stats 5: OR, confidence intervals for proportions	V Grech
2:30 PM	Ethical approval, informed consent	P Mallia
3:00 PM	Stats 6: Correlation, regression	V Grech

### Wed 14th March

8:00 AM	Review	V Grech
8:15 AM	PowerPoint à la Mayer's Multimedia Learning	V Grech
8:45 AM	Qualitative research design - Ethnography, Phenomenology	A Clarke/ A Machin
9:15 AM	Qualitative research design - Grounded Theory, Narrative	A Clarke/ A Machin
9:45 AM	Coffee	
10:00 AM	Qualitative research design - Participatory Approaches	A Clarke/ A Machin
10:30 AM	Sampling in qualitative research	A Clarke/ A Machin
11:00 AM	Data Collection techniques - Interviews and focus groups	A Clarke/ A Machin
11:30 AM	Data Collection techniques - Observation and Diaries	A Clarke/ A Machin
12:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM	Analysing qualitative data - interactive workshop	A Clarke/ A Machin
2:00 PM	Coffee	
2:15 PM	Ethics in qualitative research	A Clarke/ A Machin
2:45 PM	Targeting the the right journal for maximum impact	A Clarke/ A Machin

### Thur 15th March

8:00 AM	Review	V Grech
8:15 AM	Preparing an abstract and a poster	V Grech
8:45 AM	Data protection	H Agius Mucat
9:15 AM	Plagiarism and the ethics of authorship	A Clarke/ A Machin
9:45 AM	Coffee	
10:00 AM	Preparing your scientific paper for publication	A Clarke/ A Machin
10:30 AM	What to expect in the editorial process	A Clarke/ A Machin
11:00 AM	Quality indicators editors look for	A Clarke/ A Machin
11:30 AM	Bibliographic software - RefWorks	S Galea
12:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM	Statistics Session using delegates' own laptops	V Grech
2:00 PM	Coffee	
2:15 PM	Kleos Aphthiton	V Grech
2:30 PM	Practical session continued	V Grech

With guest nurse speakers by WASP and MUMN from



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# THE ABILITY TO PUBLISH IS CRITICAL TO YOUR CAREER



**WASP** is an intensive three day course that covers *all* aspects of paper writing

## WASP COURSES INCLUDE

- Soft copies of:
- All talks and all papers discussed.
- All spreadsheets:
  - Data used in published papers.
  - Custom spreadsheets.
- Introduction to qualitative analysis.
- Half day of hands-on stats with Excel.



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## CORE TOPICS

- Preparing: A compelling abstract, an attractive poster, a captivating presentation.
- How to lay out a paper.
- Which journals to target.
- The viewpoint of the journal editor.
- Tackling editors.
- Seeking material for publication.
- A paper and a thesis - the difference.
- Ethics and data protection.
- Introduction to qualitative research approaches and data analysis.
- Excel statistical analysis modules.

**Early bird registration: €390**

**With MUMN discount: €350**

**Registration after 7th Feb 2018: €430**

**WASP** consists of lectures & interactive sessions. This course was created, and is run by Prof. Victor Grech, with other Maltese academics. This is an international & unique course that has been held in Malta (since 2010) & in London, with excellent feedback.

## Feedback from last **WASP** held at the Life Sciences Park, Malta

WASP in Malta, October 2017						
Speakers	Content	Delivery		Handouts		Talks
Mean	4.6	4.6		4.9		4.7
Std dev	0.7	0.7		0.3		0.6
Venue	Location	Food & refreshments	Presentation facilities	Audio facilities	Amenities	Wi-Fi
Mean	4.8	3.7	4.8	4.9	4.7	4.8
Std dev	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.4
Conference overall			How likely are you to recommend this course?			
Mean					5.0	
Std dev					0.0	

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