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*Thank you so much for putting up the Scientific Paper Conference.
It was extremely relevant! GG*

*Found the presentations very helpful and I felt more confident
to write a paper and will encourage others to do so! MT*

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Core Subjects

- Seeking material for publication & grants
- Medline searching in depth
- How to write a paper
- Which journals to target
- The viewpoint of the journal editor
- Tackling editors
- Conferences: abstract & poster preparation
- How to give a Powerpoint presentation
- Excel statistical analysis modules
- One practical, hands-on Excel module



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Course Programme

24 August 2011

08:00	Registration
08:30	Introduction to the meeting - <i>Victor Grech</i>
08:45	What can I publish - types of studies - <i>Victor Grech</i>
09:15	Stats 1: Data entry in Excel, Excel forms and pivot tables - <i>Victor Grech</i>
09:45	Coffee
10:15	Stats 2: Introduction to statistical analysis using Excel - <i>Victor Grech</i>
10:45	Critical appraisal of existing research - <i>Josanne Vassallo</i>
11:15	Plagiarism and ethics of dealing with colleagues - <i>Josanne Vassallo</i>
11:45	Lunch
12:45	Stats 3: T-tests, Z-test and ANOVA - <i>Victor Grech</i>
13:15	Ethical approval for the study - <i>Pierre Mallia</i>
13:45	Recruitment and informed consent - <i>Pierre Mallia</i>
14:15	Stats 4: Contingency tables and relative risk - <i>Victor Grech</i>
14:45	Preparing an abstract and a poster - <i>Victor Grech</i>

25 August 2011

08:00	Review - <i>Victor Grech</i>
08:15	Stats 5: Odds ratio, confidence intervals for a proportion - <i>Victor Grech</i>
08:45	Stats 6: Correlation, regression, multivariate analysis - <i>Victor Grech</i>
09:15	Online research tools and bibliographical software - <i>Neville Calleja</i>
09:45	Coffee
10:15	Designing a study - <i>Neville Calleja</i>
10:45	Stats 7: Survival analysis, no. needed to treat, power - <i>Neville Calleja</i>
11:15	Validation of questionnaires - <i>Neville Calleja</i>
11:45	Lunch
12:45	Stats 8: Meta-analysis, more on multiple regression - <i>Neville Calleja</i>
13:15	Editors' perspective of submissions & dealing with editors - <i>Josanne Vassallo</i>
13:45	Applying for a grant - <i>Josanne Vassallo</i>
14:15	Data Protection - <i>Hugo Agius-Muscat</i>
14:45	Let's write a paper! - <i>Victor Grech</i>
20:00	Course Dinner, Dolmen Hotel, Batabulan Restaurant

26 August 2011

08:00	Review - <i>Victor Grech</i>
08:15	How to give a presentation - <i>Charles Savona Ventura</i>
08:45	The reader's perspective of a submission - <i>Joseph Cacciottolo</i>
09:15	Structuring a scientific paper - <i>Charles Savona Ventura</i>
09:45	Coffee
10:15	Which journals to target and why - <i>Joseph Cacciottolo</i>
10:45	Preparing a thesis - the differences from a paper - <i>Charles Savona Ventura</i>
11:15	Interfacing with the laboratory - <i>Chris Barbara</i>
11:45	Lunch
12:45	Practical Excel: Hands on testing with delegate's laptops - <i>Victor Grech</i>