

Obligatory tasks and two challenges

Obligatory tasks:

Participants must deliver two texts prior to the course. Failure to do so will disqualify from participation. These texts are:

- 1) an article manuscript under preparation – including title, abstract, introduction and references, and
- 2) a press release that covers a part of the current research (see below for the format).

There will also be a home exam consisting of two parts that should be submitted two weeks after the course.

You will find information about deadlines in the text below.

Challenges: Participants are invited to volunteer to give a 5 minute popularized talk about their research (5-6 people) and to bring a poster (12-15 people). The volunteers will receive constructive feedback on their talks/posters. Previous participants have found this opportunity to be very useful. There will also be a poster prize.

Day 1:

5-6 participants are given the opportunity to present a 5 minute popularized talk about their **research**. Define your target group «for interested 16 year olds» or similar.

Interested participants: send an e-mail to adm-phd-emner@medisin.uio.no . First come, first served.

Day 2:

Your own article manuscript under preparation – including Title, Abstract, Introduction and references. All participants must submit an article text for use in the group work

Deadline 2 June

For the group work on Tuesday - Participants must bring:

- a. **4 printouts of Title, Abstract, Introduction, References** from their article text
- b. Computer or similar

Day 4:

Poster session

We need 12-15 posters for the poster session. Please send an email to adm-phd-emner@medisin.uio.no if you are interested.

Day 5:

Science and the Media. All participants must upload “a Press Release”. Failure to do so will disqualify from taking the course. – Deadline 2 June

Write a PRESS RELEASE

Please adhere to the format, including the target audience and take home message. See box below, or the submission will be disqualified.

About the press release, format of this session on Friday:

This text will be used in the course to exemplify what a press desk is looking for in the multitude of incoming press releases. Selected examples from participants will be presented for the audience. In a plenary session, we will discuss to what extent these examples can be improved (what is fine, what can be improved, what may be lacking), specific suggestions will also be provided. It is suggested that participants use adequate time to provide the best possible "press release"-document from their own research. It will not be possible to discuss each and every submitted text in plenum, but participants may have the opportunity to discuss their submission in the breaks. For this purpose, participants are asked to bring a printout of their submitted text.

Your submission: Write a press release based on your research in the form of a **popular scientific text** of approximately half a page. (If you just copy paste an article abstract, this will disqualify.) More specifically, provide a presentation of your research for non-scientists in a form written for a newspaper or a magazine/periodical. The text should be structured with title, subtitles, a lead paragraph, and main text.

ALL PARTICIPANTS: Before you start writing, please also define the following. This information should be provided at the top of your page:

- Who is the main target group for your text?
- Where would you like to see the text published?
- Define ONE take-home message for the reader.

Course work/exam part 1 – deadline 30 June:

Participants work with their manuscript text, deliver a new edited version after completion of the week, to be uploaded within 2 weeks after the course.

Please name this file with your name "participantname.docx"

The new version must have the cover sheet form (see page 3 in this document) that describes the revision process. The Word file changes must be trackable, i.e. "Track changes" (and/or yellowing/redding/comments in the text)

Course work/exam part 2 – deadline 30 June:

Information about course exam part 2 will be given at the end of the course

Where to submit the texts: The texts and home exam should be submitted in Fronter.

Please fill in this form and submit this as a cover sheet for your paper **AFTER THE COURSE**

Copy and paste this into your article file, as a cover sheet. Fill in the relevant info.

Participant name: _____

Department/institution: _____

I have discussed my revision process with an experienced colleague or my supervisor

Name of experienced colleague/supervisor _____,

or if more than 1, also with: _____

Describe your revision process

For example

“My paper was a submission-ready manuscript The comments from my group led me to focus on I discussed with

“This was a preliminary draft ... I worked further on Was satisfied with ... identified problems “

Description of changes, short reasons

For example

“My title was changed into a descriptive form as I”

“The abstract lacked a perspectives/significance section”

“I identified some passives that I changed because ...”

“I removed some unnecessary words”

Draft of your paper: Title, abstract, introduction, references, **USE TRACK CHANGES** and any necessary comments.