Session Objectives:

– This session will explain ways to decrease barriers to becoming a successful author.

– 1) Strategies for finding time to write
– 2) Strategies to identify the right journal for your work
– 3) Tips to enhance your success at having a manuscript accepted
– 4) The manuscript submission process and how to navigate it.
– 5) What's next after your manuscript is accepted?
Key messages

- Follow the author guidelines or risk your manuscript being returned without peer review

- You never get a second chance to make a great first impression!
What to write?

- Ideas from practice, research
- Ideas from educational opportunities
- Viewpoints
- Responding to a request
Where to publish?

- What are you planning to say?
- What type of manuscript?
- Who is your intended audience?
- How quickly do you want to get the information ‘out there’
- How does it fit into your career plans/publication portfolio?
What is the publishable manuscript?

– Author guidelines
– Format
– Mission of the journal
– How do you craft a paper?
  • e.g., Dissertations into papers
  • Different types of papers, e.g. systematic review
Planning the Manuscript

- Use other like articles that have been published as a template
- Sketch out a plan and outline for the manuscript
- Think about the following:
  - What is my main message?
  - What did I do?
  - How did I do it?
  - What did I find?
  - What are the implications?
SEO: Choose and place keywords wisely

Title: Core keywords/key-phrases

Abstract: Repeat core keywords/key-phrases 2 – 3 times, and add other field-related ones

Headings and body text: Consistent use of keywords

Make sure the terms you use are consistent: e.g. which one: “dorsoventral”, “dorso-ventral”, “dorsal-ventral”? Which is more used in the literature?
When do you write?

- Only after floor is clean?
- Only after children, colleagues, significant other is serene?
- When you really feel like writing?
- Never?
Writing in teams

- Who is the writing team
- Authorship
- What are everyone’s expectations
Three Scenarios with Submitted Manuscripts

- Accept
- Revise and resubmit
- Reject - Typical reasons include:
  - Content is not new
  - A similar paper was recently published
  - Content too specialized or not specialized enough for the readership
  - Writing style not clear - a fatal flaw!
  - Poor writing
  - Logic and flow
Common problems / issues

- Done to death
- Do not follow author guidelines
  - Too esoteric - left of field
  - Fit, timing
  - Way too short, way too long
- Setting within a broader context/international context
- Authors/authorship not clear
Peer review process

- What is involved in the peer review process
  - Typical review criteria
  - Possible outcomes of review process
    - Accept, revise and resubmit, reject
- How to deal with feedback
  - Typical reasons for revision
- Strategies for re-submission
Revising and Persisting!

– Important Facts to Remember

▪ Very few papers are accepted without revisions
▪ Many well written papers are rejected because the content and focus would be better suited to another journal
▪ The paper is NOT you!
Strategies for Resubmission

– Read the comments carefully and allow yourself a few days to “grieve”
– Remember that the comments are meant to be constructive with an aim to help create a stronger manuscript
– Put the comments away for a few days
– Evaluate the comments
– Seek guidance from seasoned authors
Suggestions for Revision

– Pay attention to and address the reviewers’ concerns

– If the reviewers’ comments contradict one another; it suggests that the content is not clear

– Highlight changes in the paper
Suggestions for Revision

– If you do not agree with a suggestion, provide a rationale for why you are not making the suggested change in the cover letter.

– If you decide not to resubmit the paper to the same journal, a letter to the editor explaining your decision is professional courtesy.
Exhausted

*This process is wearing me out!*
Why am I not finished when manuscript is accepted?

– Want the biggest dissemination of your work so:
– Use social media:
  – Blogs, podcasts, webinars
  – Tweet, Facebook etc.
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