

STVC on Excellence in Scientific Communication

(March 18 to April 9, 2023)

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Classes/Lectures	Dates	Days	Time (IST)	Title of the Lecture
Lecture-1	18.3.2023	Saturday	5:30 PM -8:30 PM	 Writing Scientific articles-I: Preparation of manuscripts describing original results, literature reviews or novel/refined methods: Home assignment-1: Prepare and submit by 24th March 2023 (10 pm IST) a Scholarship (for students) or a Grant (for faculties) application.
Lecture-2	19.3.2023	Sunday	5:30 PM -8:30 PM	 3) Writing scientific articles-II: (i) Strategy for choice of journals and reviewers, and revision of manuscripts (ii) Open Access journals, predatory journals. 4) Author's rights and plagiarism: for papers, thesis, presentations at meetings
Lecture-3	25.3.2023	Saturday	5:30 PM -8:30 PM	 5) Writing Doctoral Thesis and MSc Dissertations 6) Preparing for thesis seminars at different stages of the study
Lecture-4	26.3.2023	Sunday	5:30 PM -8:30 PM	Preparation of winning scholarship or grant application Evaluation of a Scholarship or grant applications by granting agency

				9) ² Home Assignment -2: Preparation of a revised scholarship or a grant application for re-assessment and submission by 5 th April 2023 Note: Formation of peer-review groups of class members for assessing the applications of participants who have agreed for peer-review in the class.
Lecture-5	8.4.2023	Saturday	5:30 PM -8:30 PM	10) Oral presentation at scientific meetings 11) Poster presentation at scientific meetings
Lecture-6	9.4.2023	Sunday	5:30 PM -8:30 PM	12) ³ Evaluation and oral presentation of a fellow volunteer class-members' scholarship or grant application by a committee of peer-review groups Closing discussion, and feedback from participants.

¹Home Assignment-1 (18-24 March 2023): Prepare and submit by 24th March 2023 (10 pm IST) a Scholarship (for students) or a Grant (for faculties) application.

The application package must be prepared for A4 size paper, with 1-inch margin on all sides, Times New Roman Font 12 and single line-spacing. Note: Prepare a single PDF document and name the file as "Last name-aplication.pdf"

The PDF package is composed of three sections (note the page limit for each sub-section):

- (i) Scientific abstract: 1 or maximum 2 pages (including Figures and tables, if required).
- (ii) List of all references cited in the abstract (maximum 1 page); Do not add anything else here.
- (iii) An abridged CV (maximum 3 pages) that must contain following applicable sub-sections: (a) academic records; (b) employment positions; (c) scholarships and awards;
- (d) research grants; (d) research experiences with a narrative of the career progress from past towards the present status of the career; and (e) list of your publications (papers and presentations) with a brief explanation of your contribution in these items.

²Home Assignment -2: Preparation of a revised scholarship or a grant application for re-assessment and submission by 5th April 2023

²Evaluation and Oral presentation of an application each by different peer-review groups (6-8 April 2023). A separate application of a fellow volunteer class-members' scholarship or grant application will be assigned to each group on 6th April 2023. They need to read and prepare an assessment of the application to be presented to the class on 9th April.

- A) Each peer-review group of 2-3 students will have 15 min to present their assessment of the application, and 15 min for answering questions from other class members about their assessment of the application.
- B) Please note that the aim of this exercise is to provide constructive suggestions to the applicant, and to improve your application by a better understanding of the workload and the constraints of peer-review committee members for evaluation of your application.