How to Get Published in English – Writers’ Workshop for Scientific and Technical English

Researchers and other academic staff increasingly need to publish some of their work in English. This helps them reach a wider audience and improve their academic standing. Sometimes their level of English leads reviewers to reject the papers or readers to misunderstand or under-appreciate the contents. The result is that their peers misunderstand or under-appreciate the author’s good work.

To improve the rate and quality of publications, the university launched a series of writers’ workshops in 2003. Three series have already been held. Some participants from the first series wrote about their experiences in this short article: “Teilnehmerstimmen” on the KWW Homepage.

Each series consists of five ½-day interactive sessions that take participants step-by-step through the writing and revision of their own papers or other similar document. Between sessions, participants apply the theory to their own texts. These new versions are checked by the trainer. The participants are divided into two groups, Intermediate and Advanced, depending on English ability. Each group has at most 16 participants. The small group size ensures that the trainer can take their needs into account. By the end of the course each participant will have polished at least one of their own papers or report and will be able to approach their next paper with confidence.

Seminar Contents:
- The structure of papers and articles in English.
- Getting your message across in English: The differences between logical argument in English and German
- The main style differences between English and German
- How to revise your writing at the article and paragraph level
- How to revise at the sentence level

Dates and Seminar Times:
This seminar can be booked by an institute, on dates that suit its schedule, for a group of 8-10 participants

Cost:
Subject to agreement

Course Venue:
To be announced

Trainer:
Dr. Conor John Fitzsimons, Coach & Consultant for international project management and leadership.
Author of more than 100 reports, articles and papers.