

Biocenter Finland Career Workshop

Time: 14-15th December 2017

Venue: Biomedicum Helsinki, Haartmaninkatu 8, 00290 Helsinki

Biocenter Finland organises a two-day Career Workshop for post-docs and PhD students. The participants will experience a full-day Nature Masterclass workshop where two Nature editors provide hands-on, practical training for publishing in top tier journals. This session will provide a unique overview of the publishing process of highly selective journals. The editors will share their expert insight into what makes an exemplary paper and will discuss how participants can improve their scientific writing skills to create a polished manuscript ready for publication.

On the second day, the participants attend a career opportunity and grant writing workshop that contains information about postdoctoral and PhD funding instruments of EMBO, Academy of Finland, and Marie-Sklodowska Curie Actions. The workshop includes talks by grant writers sharing their best practises, as well as grant awardees who share their experiences of launching an international career from the postdoctoral stage.

The event is for 60 participants divided into two groups. Group 1 will attend the Nature Masterclass workshop on Thursday and the Career opportunity workshop on Friday. Conversely, Group 2 will attend the Career opportunity workshop on Thursday and Nature Masterclass on Friday.

Programme

Thursday, 14th December

Nature Masterclass – how to publish in top journals (Group 1):

Venue: Faculty Club 6th floor

Nature editors:

Barbara Marte, PhD, Senior Editor, Biology, Cancer and Cell cycle
Anke Sparmann, PhD, Senior Editor, Nature Structural & Molecular Biology

9.00 Welcome – Prof Marja Makarow, Director, Biocenter Finland

Nature Masterclass programme - Nature editors

9.10 Introduction

9.30 What makes a great paper?

10.15 Titles and abstracts

10.45 Coffee

11.00 Practical exercise: abstract and title review

12.30 Lunch, P-floor

13.30 Figure presentation

14.00 Submitting your paper

15.00 Coffee

15.15 The editorial process and peer review

16.00 Practical exercise: assessing referee reports

16.30 Q&A with the editors

17.00 Refreshments and networking with the editors, speakers, and peers

18.00 End of day 1

Career opportunities and grant writing workshop (Group 2):

Venue: Meeting Room 3, P-Floor

12.15 Lunch, P-floor

Session 1: EMBO funding opportunities and experiences

13.00 Welcome - Prof Marja Makarow, Director, Biocenter Finland

13.10 EMBO funding opportunities for post-docs and PhD students
Prof Johanna Myllyharju, Chair of Board, Biocenter Finland, EMBL Council Member,
University of Oulu

13.50 Experiences of working with an EMBO long-term fellowship
Anni Kleino, Associate Professor, Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies, Aarhus University,
Denmark

14.15 Benefits of EMBL/EMBO support for your scientific career
Prof Pekka Lappalainen, EMBO Member, University of Helsinki

14.40 Coffee

Session 2: Academy of Finland and MSCA post-doc funding

15.00 Funding opportunities from Academy of Finland and MSCA
Sanna Marjavaara, Science Adviser, Academy of Finland

15.40 Experiences of the Academy of Finland post-doc period
Uwe Richter, postdoctoral researcher, University of Helsinki

Session 3: How to write an outstanding grant proposal

16.05 The art of grant writing
Lauri Parkkonen, Associate Professor, Aalto University; Member of the Academy of Finland
Research Council for Health

16.35 Experiences of an early career Grant Writer
Guillaume Jacquemet, postdoctoral researcher, University of Turku

17.00 Refreshments and networking with the editors, speakers and peers (Faculty club, 6th floor)

18.00 End of day I

Friday, 15th December

Nature Masterclass – how to publish in top journals (Group 2):

Programme: see programme on Thursday, day ends at 16.45.

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