

Scientific research paper writing workshop ILRI, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 21-25 November 2011

Communication of research findings in peer-reviewed journals is the standard by which scientists and their findings are evaluated by the scientific community. Publication ensures that research findings are accessible for use in related studies and are thereby better translated into agricultural improvement. In an effort to enhance publication in international peer-reviewed journals by African scientists, the Biosciences eastern and central Africa Hub at the International Livestock Research Institute (BecA Hub at ILRI), and Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) will host a workshop on **scientific research paper writing** in Addis Ababa on 21-25 November 2011. Financial support for the workshop is provided by AusAID, the Australian Government's overseas aid program, and the Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture (SFSA).

We are seeking graduate students and early career agricultural biosciences researchers with a strong interest in improving their writing skills. Selected participants will benefit from intensive, interactive hands-on training. During the workshop participants will develop their own manuscripts, with the goal of submitting to a journal for publication within three-to-six months of completing the workshop. Participants should bring a project report for conversion to a paper, and/or the figures and tables and any other illustrative material that have been generated from data analysis. In order to fully benefit from this workshop, bringing a manuscript that is in an advanced stage of preparation is discouraged.

If you are a successful applicant, we will also offer you the option of developing a three-page structured research proposal that you would draft and email to the trainers by 18th November. The trainers will provide feedback to your proposal on an individual basis on the last day of the workshop which will be a non-teaching day that can also be used by participants to further develop their manuscripts.

The trainers conducting the workshop will be Dr Chris Beadle (Senior Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO Forest Biosciences) and Dr Peter Willadsen (Chief Scientist, CSIRO Livestock Industries) with the support of Dr Rob Skilton (Research Scientist, BecA Hub at ILRI).

Applicant requirements

- African scientist with PhD or MSc in any agricultural bioscience discipline
- Fluent in English
- Currently conducting agricultural biosciences research with an African national agricultural research program or university in one of the BecA countries: Burundi, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Kenya, Madagascar, Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda.
- A project report for conversion to a paper, and/or the figures and tables and any other illustrative material that have been generated from data analysis.
- Completed online application form, submitted by 16th September, 2011:
<http://hpc.ilri.cgiar.org/training/registration/BecA/index.php>

If you are selected to participate in the workshop, your travel and accommodation will be arranged directly by the Biosciences eastern and central Africa (BecA) Hub staff located in Nairobi, Kenya. Successful applicants will be notified by 3rd October, 2011.

Thank you in advance for considering this opportunity. We look forward to hearing from you.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, reading "Segenet Kelemu". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Segenet" and last name "Kelemu" clearly distinguishable.

Segenet Kelemu, PhD
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