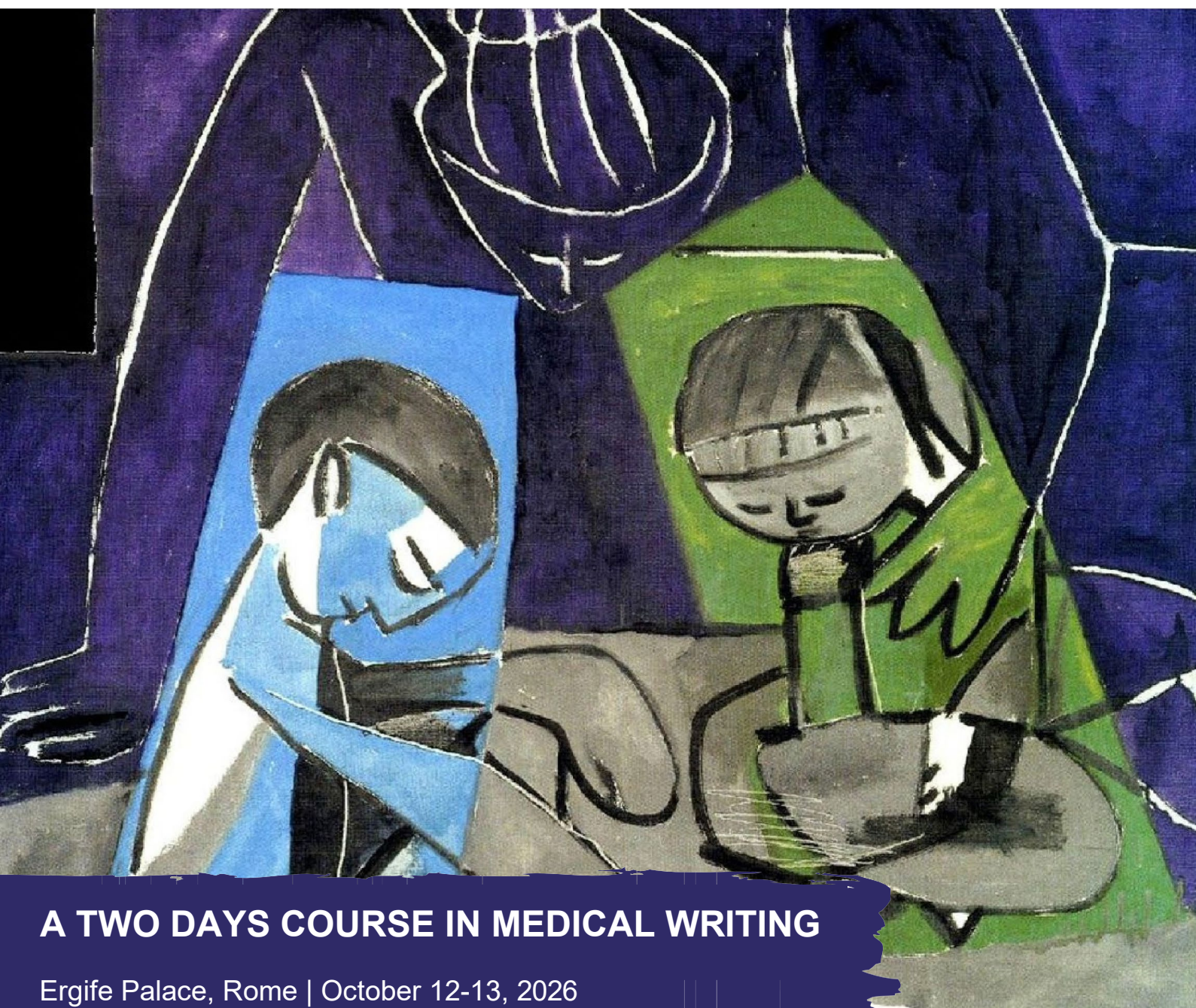


LIGHT INTO A SCIENTIFIC PAPER:

HOW TO CONCEIVE, WRITE AND REVIEW IT



A TWO DAYS COURSE IN MEDICAL WRITING

Ergife Palace, Rome | October 12-13, 2026

Chairman: **Paolo Miccoli**

On behalf of SIC (ITALIAN SOCIETY OF SURGERY)





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DAY 1

FIRST SESSION *Monday, October 12*

8.15 A.M.

Welcome

Ludovico Docimo, Andrea Mingoli, Emanuele Santoro

Course presentation

Paolo Miccoli

A bird's eye overview

Luca Viganò (20')

9.00 A.M.

Chairpersons: Ludovico Docimo - Fulvio Calise

The IMRaD format / From data to clinical practice Fabio Casciani (30')

Database building and data selection Giammauro Berardi (15')

Questions

9.45 A.M.

Writing a paper (1)

Chairpersons: Ugo Boggi, Sergio Alfieri

The title: imagination, importance, length, consistency with the content Domenico D'Ugo (20')

Abstract

Donato F. Altomare (15')

Authorship

Antonella Del Vecchio (15')

Questions

10.35 A.M. Coffee break

11.00 A.M.

Writing a paper (2)

Chairpersons: Giuseppe M. Ettorre, Massimo Carlini

Introduction: nature, design, scope, background orientation, method of investigation, coping with the selected journal

Aldo Rocca (20')

Material and methods:

1. Repeating design of the study, retrospective, prospective collection of data, source, quantity, inclusion and exclusion criteria, reproducibility, the limitation of non-inferiority trials

Simone Giacomuzzi (30')

2. Methods of statistical analysis, power of the study (sample calculation), propensity score analysis

Alice Mannocci (30')

How to create a slides presentation

Andreana Benedetti Cacciaguerra (15')

Questions '10

12.45 P.M. Lunch box

2.00 P.M.

Writing a paper (3)

Chairpersons: Marco Vivarelli, Alessandro Anselmo

Results:

1. Present the results (tables), strive for clarity, past tense or present, the groups of patients, Preparing tables and figures

Laura Lorenzon (30')

Discussion: recapitulate, (synthetically) your results, discuss them, agree/contrast with previous publications

Roberta Angelico (30')

Conclusions: state clearly with evidence

Luigi Bonavina (15')

References, Acknowledges, Submission

Leonardo Rossi (15')

Questions

3.30 P.M. End of the first day

DAY 2

SECOND SESSION *Tuesday, October 13*

8.30 A.M.

Completing, classifying a paper (1)

Chairpersons: Giovanni Romano - Alessandro Ferrero

Reviews, Systematic reviews: the Oxford and Grade methods

Lucreazia Furian (20')

Consensus paper: the Delphi Method

Alessandro Coppola (15')

Multicenter paper

Quirino Lai (20')

Technical notes

Gabriele Materazzi (15')

Questions 10'

09.50. A.M.

Completing, classifying a paper (2)

Chairpersons: Marco Montorsi – Emanuele Santoro

Ethics: authenticity, credits, disclosure

Angela Gurrado (15')

Traditional *versus* Open Access journals
and evolution of impact indexes

Paolo Miccoli (30')

The Visual Abstract

Andrea Scacchi (15')

Questions

10.50 A.M. Coffee break

THIRD SESSION

11.30 A.M.

Reviewing and sharing a paper

Chairpersons: Marco Caricato-Paolo Sapienza

Cover Letter

Francesco Ardito (15')

How to review a paper: the rules

Antonio Giuliani (20')

How to revise papers after reviewer comments

Gioia Brachini (15')

Discussion of a paper: "*The SIC Journal Club experience*"

Mauro Zago (15')

Questions

12.45 P.M. Lunch box

2.00 P.M.

A new era inside medical writing

Chairpersons: Marco Raffaelli – Aldo Rocca

Artificial Intelligence from the publisher point of view (*Lecture*) Carlotta D'Imporzano/Federica Polverosi (springer) (20')

Artificial Intelligence in medical writing Pasquale Avella (20')

Artificial Intelligence tools while writing a paper Paolo Magistri (20')

Will Artificial Intelligence replace scientific writers? Alessandro Pasculli (20')

Questions '10

3.30 P.M. Coffee break

4.00 P.M.

Meet the Professor: Melina Kibbe

Chairpersons: Andrea Mingoli, Fulvio Calise

5. P.M. End of the course: conclusions Paolo Miccoli

Board of the Course

Informations

Official language: speech in Italian, slides in English

The Course, in presence, is reserved to 50 young surgeons ≤ 40 years old.

Subscription may be done

The fee is 100 euros: it includes two lunches, coffees

Site of the Course: Ergife Hotel, Rome