



# Author Workshops

For Lithuanian Researchers



19 September, 2016  
Vilnius



20 September, 2016  
Kaunas

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## Agenda and Venue

We are glad to announce that [Enago](#) in collaboration with Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (VGTU) and Kaunas University of Technology (KTU) will be conducting a series of Author Workshops for researchers across Lithuania.

The workshops will be interactive and will focus on providing practical advice and quick tips on writing better scientific manuscripts, latest challenges and developments in academic publishing, and dealing with journal rejection as an important aspect of the publication process.

At the end of the workshops, all participants will also receive a **Certificate of Participation** issued by Enago.

# Workshop Agenda

Time	Topic
10:00-10:10	Opening Plenary
10:10-12:00	Topic 1: <a href="#">Academic Publishing—Writing, Submission, and Successful Publication</a>
12:00-13:00	Break
13:00-14:30	Topic 2: <a href="#">Dealing with Journal Rejection</a>
14:30-14:45	Introduction to Enago's Author Services
14:45-15:15	Q&A Session
15:15-15:30	Closing Remarks

## Venue

19 September—VGTU Senate Hall (**SRC 307**)

**Address:** Saulėtekio al. 11, LT-10223 Vilnius, Lithuania



20 September—Santaka Valley (**Conference Room No. 1**)

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# About the Speaker



***Duncan Nicholas,***  
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*Consultant, Enago*

- A distinguished publishing expert, consultant, and trainer, Duncan Nicholas joined the Taylor and Francis Group in 2005. As the Managing Editor, he helped establish editorial and peer review processes for a variety of journals by closely working with researchers, journal editors, authors, and reviewers.
- From 2012, as a Journal Development Editor, he was responsible for enhancing quality in all editorial aspects of journal publishing as well as develop specific journal titles through evidence-based analysis and broader subject-area related research.
- Since 2015, he has conducted numerous training programs focusing on various topics related to scholarly publishing, including topics like open science, journal metrics, publication ethics, peer review, challenges in academic writing for ESL authors, etc.
- In his current role, he works with publishers to improve the content, subscriptions, presence and impact of their titles. He is responsible for implementing new technological developments in publishing along with publishers.
- Duncan is also a well-renowned member of organizations such as ISMTE and EASE, which focus on increasing professional networking within the scholarly publishing community as well as help establish best practices amongst publishers and journals.

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# Workshop Brief

## Topic 1: Academic Publishing—Writing, Submission, and Successful Publication

This presentation is primarily targeted toward researchers who wish to submit their papers to top-notch international journals but face difficulty with the correct usage of language and grammar. In a system where experts from respective fields need to assess the validity, significance, and originality of the described work, it is imperative that the language quality of the articles submitted to such journals is good to avoid rejection at the peer review stage. Unfortunately, many papers that do not satisfy internationally accepted language requirements are rejected by the journal editors themselves and do not even reach the stage of peer review.

After this session, you will have more information about the following:

- Awareness of publishing papers in English and structuring of academic papers
- Importance of literature review and structuring of reference lists
- Importance of providing pointers while writing content and effectively using academic English in your papers.
- Preparing your paper for publication and journal selection
- Discussion about the submission process and dealing with journal rejection

## Topic 2: Dealing with Journal Rejection

This presentation is primarily targeted toward helping researchers in handling rejections from journals, and will also help early-stage researchers improve first-time acceptance of their manuscripts. The advancement of research hinges on the dissemination of new discoveries by their publication in peer-reviewed international journals. At the heart of academic publishing, peer review leads to over 1.5 million published scholarly manuscripts every year. Although the number of published papers is increasing year-on-year, this iterative selection process also results in approximately 60% rejection rate, including 21% rejection after preliminary editorial screening.

After this session, you will have more information about the following:

- Awareness of the rejection process and why papers of ESL authors are rejected by journals (regardless of the impact factor)
- Understanding the peer review process and causes of rejection
- Comprehending rejection letters and what reviewers mean
- Importance of correctly responding to reviewer comments and revising their papers to make them publication ready
- Overcoming journal rejection and providing a positive outlook to deal with journal rejection

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