

**MAGAART Workshop on
Publishing in Peer-reviewed/International Journals**

**10th – 12th August 2016
Tribhuvan University Nepal**

The MAGAART project has the objective to enhance capacities of partner universities in developing research networks, knowledge sharing and communication under the general theme of stability, democracy and rights. The current research environment includes ongoing PhD studies as well as a number of small-scale research projects. The challenge now is to translate the various research findings into research articles for national and international peer reviewed journals across disciplines. Both novice and experienced researchers need to become competent authors while also being socialised into the publication process. This is similar to initiation rituals, especially if targeting for esteemed international journals. Generally, the journal publication process can be sub-divided into different phases such as pre-submission, submission, peer review, revision, final editorial decision, proofing and publication. Success and failure can be experienced in any phase of the process, with the frustrating consequences for personal and professional development.

MAGAART Project has decided to run a workshop on the ins and outs of the publication process which will include scientific/technical aspects of manuscript production as well as insights into the politics of publication in the globalised journals marketplace. In addition to discussion of illustrative exemplars of the peer review and editorial processes, there will be reflections about how to scale up locally produced journals for wider recognition in the international publication scene.

Professor Srikant Sarangi from Alborg University is the lead resource person to conduct this workshop. From his long and outstanding experiences as editor of several interdisciplinary, international journals, Prof. Sarangi will lead the workshop by bringing key illustrative case studies for discussion. Both experienced and novice researchers who are keenly interested in disseminating their research through international journals and those who are working in journals at local level and are committed to upgrading their journal status to international level will benefit from this workshop. Particular attention will be paid to language-specific, genre-specific and discipline-specific practices in publishing high quality articles. These practices are not always transparent during the publishing journey even though one gains experience over time at an individual level. This workshop will provide the opportunity to share such experiences.

The workshop is particularly relevant for doctoral students and faculty members who have either had some experience in publishing or are intending to publish internationally. Access will be made possible to authentic, anonymised materials (original and revised

manuscripts, reviewer reports, author-editor-reviewer correspondences) as working materials for the workshop. Workshop participants are encouraged to reflect on their publishing experience and disseminate their ongoing research ideas where relevant. However, this workshop is not about academic writing skills and participants need to have necessary skills to actively participate in the workshop. Besides, they will be required to undertake specific tasks during workshop sessions and also during evenings.

No fees are charged to participate in the workshop. The organisers will provide food and refreshments during the workshop period. The participants have to self-manage the other logistics relating to their needs.

Programme

Wednesday, 10 August 2016

- 08.00 – 08:45 Breakfast
- 08:45 – 09:00 Workshop Inauguration
- 09.00 – 10.00 Introduction and scene-setting: The marketplace of international journals
- 10.00 – 10.15 Coffee break
- 10.15 – 11.00 Key milestones in the journal publication journey (impact, impact factors and co-authorships)
- 11.00 – 12.00 Profiling manuscripts and journals: Moving from local/national publishing to international publishing
- 12.00 – 13.00 Lunch break
- 13.00 – 14.00 Brief presentations from participants: publishing experiences and future plans
- 14.00 – 14.15 Coffee break
- 14.15 – 16.00 Pre-submission and submission phases: cases concerning procedural matters
- 16.00 – 16:30 Preparation for assignment 1 and concluding of the day's sessions

Thursday, 11 August 2016

- 08.15 – 09:00 Breakfast
- 09.00 – 10.30 Discussion of assignment 1 (handed out on Wednesday 10 August)
- 10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00 – 12.30 The peer review process: doing a manuscript review
- 12.30 – 13.15 Lunch break
- 13.15 – 15.00 Examples of editorial interventions: from submission to publication/rejection
- 15.00 – 15.15 Coffee break
- 15.15 – 16.00 The authorial stance in the review process

16.00 – 16.30 Concluding of the day's sessions

Friday, 12 August 2016

08.15 – 09:00 Breakfast

09.00 – 10.30 Discussion of assignment 2 (handed out on Thursday 11 August)

10.30 – 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 – 12.00 Novice and non-native dimensions in international publishing

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch break

13.00 – 14.30 The anatomy of a journal article

14.30 – 14.45 Coffee break

14.45 – 16.00 Discussion of emergent themes

16:00 – 16:30 Concluding of the Workshop