

Report of Grant Writing Skills' Workshop held at Mosa Court Apartments on 26th - 27th July 2004:

INTRODUCTION:

Uganda Society for Health Scientists is a research society registered as a non-governmental organization in 1999. The AITRP at Case Western Reserve University supports and promotes the development of USHS. Since its inception, USHS is involved in many activities like scientific meetings, journal clubs / scientific lectures, giving developmental grants as well as conducting research methods, grant and general writing skills' workshop.

On July 26th - 27th, USHS held a General and Grant writing workshop at Mosa Court Apartments. Dr. Chris Whalen facilitated the workshop assisted by Dr. Ajayi Sethi.

The workshop was opened by Dr. Margaret Muganwa; USHS Vice Chairperson. Dr. Muganwa gave a brief of the Society's activities which include: research methodology workshops, scientific lectures / journal clubs and writing skills. She appealed to the participating members to put to use the ideas they will acquire from the workshop.

WORKSHOP COVERAGE:

- Title Page
- Introduction
- Abstract
- Methods
- Results
- Discussion
- Revising a Manuscript
 - Example of changing words
 - Reducing length of a manuscript
 - Example of reducing length
 - Example of increasing length Post- Review
 - Cover letter to the editor

Members who attended the Workshop:

Name	Organization
1. Dr. R. Alia	Uganda Railways Cooperation
2. Dr. Samuel Kabwigu	MU-JHU Collaboration
3. Ms Masiko Geradine	IPH
4. Mr. Timothy Wakabi	Mildmay Center
5. Dr. Lorna Nshuti	MU-CWRU Collaboration
6. Dr. Margret Muganwa	IPH
7. Mr. Nyeko Edward	Faculty of Medicine

8. Ms. Sabrina Eagen	CWRU
9. Dr. Rutebemberwa Elizeus	IPH
10. Dr. Carlo Onyango	MU-JHU Collaboration
11. Dr. Noel Nakassuja	Mulago Hospital
12. Ms. Aniko Juhasz	ICDC Emmanuel Children's Development Center
13. Ms. Nabukera Gloria	MISR
14. Dr. Mugenyi Kizito	GTZ PMCTCT Project
15. Ms. Jayne Byakika	MAK-UCSF Research Collaboration
16. Mr. J.M. Kanyamurwa	Department of Mass Communication (MUK)
17. Dr. Chris Whalen	CWRU Cleveland USA
18. Dr. Nakimuli Mpuga	Department of Psychology (MUK)
19. Dr. Patrick Buyinza	M.O.H. Kampala
20. Dr. Sheila Beinga	Mildmay Center
21. Dr. Bwanga Freddie	Medical School (MUK)
22. Dr. Richard Odoi	Medical School (MUK)
23. Dr. Victoria Nakasa	AMREF
24. Mr. George Kibumba	Medical School (MUK)
25. Dr. Damalie Nakanjako	Department of Medicine
26. Dr. Pauline Byakika	Medical School (MUK)
27. Dr. Dan Kaye	Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
27. Professor Konde Lule	IPH
28. Dr. Samuel Malinga	Butabika Hospital
29. Dr. Kyewalyanga	Mulago Hospital
30. Dr. Ajayi Sethi	CWRU Cleveland, USA
31. Dr. Mucuro Simon	IPH

General Comments

- Invitations should be sent early enough
- Venue not easily accessible
- More practical examples are needed
- More information of funders and their contacts needed
- Emphasis should have been done on budgeting
- Should have dealt with program development and evaluation instead of just research project
- Slides should have been given out earlier so as to make easier to follow and jot down some notes
- Presentations should be participatory than the lecture method
- The room should well air conditioned next time so that it does not get too hot
- The concept papers asked were not used; why ask them?
- On invitation, the SMS may be better than e – mail for notifying people at short notice
- Time keeping poor especially in the mornings
- The workshop was educative and timely for most of the participants
- More emphasis should have been on how to site literature and how to arrive at sample size

- The workshop should be more than more than 2 days

ANALYSIS OF THE EVALUATION OF THE WORKSHOP

Activity / Item	Average	Good	Excellent
Venue		57%	43%
Food	14%	76%	0
Administrative support		86%	14%
Responsiveness of organizers		61%	39%
Grade the general writing skills' workshop		67%	33%
How well were each of these topics of a scientific were discussed?			
Title page		17%	83%
Introduction		80%	20%
Abstract		80%	20%
Methods	20%	60%	20%
Results	20%	60%	20%
Discussion		100%	
Were expectations met?		100%	
Grade the Grants' writing skills' workshop		67%	33%