

WASP: Write a Scientific Paper

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About WASP

- WASPs are intensive, three day events with formal lectures & interactive sessions.
- Delivered by highly experienced researchers and journal editors.
- Purpose: to impart the lecturers' collective experience to delegates in this crucial aspect of career progression.
- Valid for 18 international [EACCME](#) points via the Medical Association of Malta (MAM).
- Suitable for all individuals in the sciences who wish to enhance their paper writing skills by acquiring sound competences in academic writing. WASP is not only intended for the medical profession: engineers, architects, pharmacists, nurses etc. have all joined, enjoyed and benefited from WASP.
- Commenced in 2010 and held annually in Malta (now online). Has also been held at:
 - The Royal College of Paediatrics, London (2017)
 - The University of Manana, Bahrain (2018).
- Each iteration has led to fine tuning of the contents via feedback from successive attendees.
- All aspects of paper writing are covered, from proposals, to presenting to dealing with journal editors.
- Statistical analysis is demonstrated within Excel® and includes hands on sessions on attendees' own laptops.
- All Excel modules used for analysis are given to attendees plus soft copies of the presentations.

Core topics

Preparing:

- A compelling abstract.
- An attractive poster.
- A captivating presentation.

Applying for a grant.

How to lay out a paper.

Which journals to target.

The viewpoint of the journal editor.

Tackling editors.

Seeking material for publication.

A paper and a thesis – similarities & differences.

Ethics and data protection.

Excel statistical analysis modules.

Half-day, hands-on stats module.

[CardioWASP](#) is an innovative version of WASP.

The CardioWASP faculty derives primarily from cardiology and cardiac surgery.

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CardioWASP Faculty



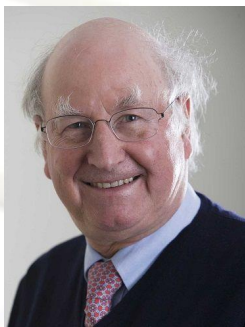
Prof. Victor Grech is as a consultant paediatrician with a special interest in paediatric cardiology. He has published extensively not only in paediatric cardiology but also in general paediatrics, other aspects of medicine and in the humanities, particularly in the field of science fiction. He is the creator and director of WASP.



Prof. Jane Somerville is a British emeritus professor of cardiology, Imperial College, who is best known for defining the concept and subspecialty of grown ups with congenital heart disease (GUCH) and being chosen as the physician involved with Britain's first heart transplantation in 1968. Prof. Somerville helped establish GUCH services in several countries including Malta.



Prof. Joseph DeGiovanni is an interventional consultant paediatric and adult cardiologist based in Birmingham (UK), but whose expertise leads him all over the world to pioneer and train others in new interventional techniques and devices as these become available. He is also responsible for introducing innovative techniques including Adenosine cardioplegia, interventions in the Fontan circuit and septal reduction in HOCM.



Prof. Robert H. Anderson is a retired clinical cardiac anatomist, but still involved in research and teaching. He is a Visiting Professorial Fellow at the Institute of Genetic Medicine, Newcastle University, United Kingdom and he continues to practice in the area of cardiac anatomy, both congenital and acquired.



Dr. Gauden Galea is a public health physician, currently working as the WHO Representative in China, based in Beijing since April 2018. He has been coordinating the collaboration between WHO and China across all health concerns, with a primary focus on: the COVID-19 response, the review of a decade of health sector reform, advocacy for tobacco and alcohol control, and exploring the digital health landscape of China. On behalf of the Western Pacific Region of WHO, he has been coordinating an effort promoting innovation in public health within the "For the Future" vision of the Region. Dr. Galea has worked for WHO since 1998.



Dr. Hugo Agius Muscat is a consultant public health physician with more than 30 years of hands-on experience in health informatics. He is a visiting senior lecturer at the University of Malta, where he teaches both undergraduate and postgraduate students.



Dr. Victor Bautista-Hernandez is Assistant Professor of Congenital Heart Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine and Senior Staff at Children's Hospital of San Antonio (Texas, US).



Dr. Michele Brunelli is Consultant Cardiologist and Director of the Electrophysiology Lab at Städtisches Klinikum Magdeburg in Germany.



Prof. Neville Calleja runs the Directorate for Health Information and Statistics within the Ministry responsible for Health in Malta. He has over fifteen years of experience lecturing medical statistics, epidemiology and public health to all health care professionals, together with ethical and scientific review of projects at local and international level.



Dr. Massimo Chessa is a specialist in Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiology. He deals with the treatment of Congenital Heart Disease in children, teenagers, and adults and since 2000 he worked at IRCCS-Policlinico San Donato where he is the Head of the Adult Congenital Heart Disease Unit. He works mainly as an interventional cardiologist. Dr. Chessa is the Founder of AICCA, the Italian GUCH Association and is also Associate Editor of the International Journal of Cardiology – CHD.



Dr. Sarah Cuschieri is a full-time academic and researcher at the University of Malta since 2013. She is actively involved in a number of collaborative research projects, particularly in the areas of type 2 diabetes epidemiology, the burden of disease including COST ACTION - European Burden of Disease Network. She is also a collaborator with the Islands and Small States Institute, University of Malta.



Prof. Jason Eberl is based at St. Louis University's Albert Gnaegi Center for Health Care Ethics. He originally trained as a philosopher specializing in the works of St. Thomas Aquinas and taught at Indiana University and Marian University's College of Osteopathic Medicine before returning to SLU in spring of 2018.



Dr. Alessandro Giardini has worked at Great Ormond Street Hospital since 2007 where he is in charge of the cardiac ward and the cardiac high dependency unit. He is Director of Inpatient Services and oversees the care of all children admitted to the hospital for investigation and treatment of congenital or acquired heart defects.



Dr. Chetan Mehta is a Consultant Paediatric Cardiologist at Birmingham Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.



Dr. Kim Rajappan is a Consultant Cardiologist and Electrophysiologist. He was appointed in 2007. Before that he completed advanced training in managing cardiac rhythm disorders at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London with pioneering cardiologist and electrophysiologist, Professor Richard Schilling. He is based in Oxford at the John Radcliffe Hospital, part of Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

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