



We are ten! Happy birthday to the writing center that pioneered in Russia

Call for Papers

International conference hosted by the HSE Academic Writing Center

“Supporting Faculty in Writing for Publication: Best Practices”

Venue: Higher School of Economics, Moscow, 11 Pokrovsky Blvd.

Dates: October 28-29, 2021

We all live in the “publish or perish” era. Writing for publication is a strenuous process, especially for those whose native language is not English. It requires not only a sufficient level of academic English, but also awareness of genre characteristics of a research article as well as effective communication with editors and reviewers. The topic of providing support to authors seems to be very timely for many universities.¹

The Academic Writing Center of HSE University organizes a conference “Supporting Faculty in Writing for Publication: Best Practices” to celebrate the tenth anniversary of its work. The Center has gained considerable experience of assisting faculty in preparing publications and has greatly contributed to setting standards for writing centers’ activity in Russia. Now we open our doors to a wider community.

We invite teachers of academic writing, editors, and writing centers’ staff to the conference. We seek contributions, which aim to explore and problematize the issues connected with training and supporting plurilingual authors for writing publications in English. The conference is a space for sharing the diversity of experiences, expertise, best practices, as well as challenges that writing instructors and writing centers’ tutors encounter while helping faculty with writing articles in English for research publication purposes.

Tracks and topics for discussion

Track 1. Faculty support: Organizational models, their effectiveness and challenges

Organizing faculty support has been gathering momentum, but university contexts differ greatly. We invite proposals that address the operational models and designs for faculty support and their impact on writing development among researchers and university staff.

Track 2. Ways of enhancing publication activity among university faculty

Many scholars are struggling to write papers for publication in English. We invite proposals that address the challenges plurilingual scholars face and ways of assisting them in their writing journeys.

Track 3. Professional development of writing instructors

Although teachers of English and writing instructors may serve as agents of change in this faculty support process, some do not publish much themselves. We invite proposals that address the issues of writing instructors’ publication activity and professional development.

Conference Key Takeaways

Conference participants will have:

- Learnt about colleagues' experience and the HSE AWC practices
- Developed their skills of writing center pedagogy via workshops
- Participated in hands-on activities based on their draft papers
- Built the community of practice
- Established new contacts via networking

Session formats

- Workshops
- Research paper presentations
- Teaching practice presentations
- Poster presentations
- Roundtable

Extra events

- Research Partners' Date
- WoS Help Desk
- Paper Feedback Station
- Editors' Panel
- Join the NWCC
- Book Exhibition

Deadline for submitting proposals – **April 25, 2021**.

We expect to distribute **decisions** after peer review by **May 31, 2021**.

The registration fee is 3.000 roubles / 40 US \$. This includes the conference package, program, handouts, coffee breaks, and a certificate.

See more information about session formats and requirements on the site:

https://academics.hse.ru/awc/awc_conference_2021/.



We look forward to your participation!

Please share the information widely via your professional networks and social media.