

**ENYGO Medical Writing Workshop III**  
N.N. Alexandrov National Cancer Centre of Belarus  
Minsk, Belarus, April 1-2, 2016

**REPORT**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Medical Writing Workshop (MWW III) was held on April 1-2 in Minsk, the capital of Belarus. Now a successful tradition, MWW III was created to be an **interactive course on Presentation Skills and Writing Papers and Posters**, this year hosted by the N.N. Alexandrov National Cancer Centre of Belarus.



The unique atmosphere of the workshop, which was conducted by world-famous speaker Prof. Sean Kehoe, provided a great opportunity for each participant to become more familiar with medical writing and the presentation of medical data. The workshop took place over two days.



The main aim of the first day was an introduction to medical writing: how to choose the right medical journal; what the essential parts of a letter to an editor are; how to construct articles and other types of papers; why papers are rejected; and what common mistakes must be avoided. The key element of this meeting was the mentor-supervised interactive groups. During their group work, participants critically analysed recently published papers.

Special attention was paid to the design of the “ideal clinical trial” and to **basic statistical reviews** as well as to the most up-to-date methods that are commonly used.

On the second day other challenging topics were covered: the preparation of an attractive poster and a successful oral presentation. During the workshop, each participant was asked to prepare a short presentation on his or her topic of interest. Each attendee developed better presentation skills and took home the “tips and tricks” of medical writing and oral presentations.



**The workshop was conducted by**

*Prof. Sean Kehoe*, Lawson Tait Professor of Gynaecological Cancer, University of Birmingham, UK

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**The course was organized by ENYGO, represented by:**

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This workshop is gaining in popularity and the decision of organization of this workshop in Belarus is a first step of expanding ENYGO activities towards eastern European countries.

At the end of the workshop, participants filled out an evaluation form. The course reached an overall assessment score of 4.9 out of 5.0. As this concept is very well received by the growing community of ENYGO members, we will continue to run this workshop annually in order to provide the new generation of young onco-gynaecologists with essential skills for the analysis and preparation of scientific publications.

The summarised evaluation reports are presented here:

 <b>3rd MEDICAL WRITING WORKSHOP</b> April 1-2, 2016, Minsk, Belarus	
<b>EVALUATION FORM SUMMARY</b>	
<b>General</b>	
Did the workshop provide you with the information you expected?	4,9
Has the workshop provided you with updated information on the subject?	4,8
Please, evaluate the overall teaching quality of the presentations.	4,8
Will you change clinical decisions because of the knowledge you gained at the workshop?	4,1
Did this workshop improve your surgical skills?	
Will you be able to integrate your new knowledge into the operation theatre?	
<b>Contents</b>	
Has the information been relevant and useful for your activity?	4,9
Has there enough time been allotted for questions?	4,9
Do you feel the workshop material was adequate?	4,8
Have you found any commercial bias?	1,0
<b>Organization</b>	
Do you feel the workshop venue to be adequate?	4,8
Please assess the symposium organization	5,0
<b>Faculty assessment</b>	
Assess the speakers' knowledge with regard to the subject of their presentations	5,0
Were speakers clear during their presentations?	4,8
Do you think the methodology that they used is adequate?	4,8
Did you find the speakers available for questions?	4,9
Overall assessment of faculty members	4,9
<b>Overall evaluation of the workshop</b>	
Please assess the workshop overall	4,9

We hope this will become a valuable tradition for all future ENYGO generations.

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