

## THE EDITORS' CORNER

# Writing and Publishing Your Work in the International Medical Literature: A Workshop at the ALAMES X Conference Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, July 2007

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Within the context of the 10<sup>th</sup> Latin American Social Medicine Association conference the editors of Social Medicine are organizing a workshop on “Writing and Publishing Your Work in the International Medical Literature.”

**Background:** There are numerous barriers to authors from developing countries who want to publish their work in the international medical literature. These barriers have effectively isolated important voices and perspectives from the global discussion on health.

**Structure:** This four session “hands on” workshop will address the practical skills involved in preparing manuscripts for submission, working with journals and using publications for purposes of advocacy. The workshop will be conducted primarily in Spanish.

The workshop will take place during the morning poster session and include brief didactic presentations followed by small group discussion. During the small group discussion participants’ manuscripts will be critiqued by their classmates and the lecturers.

Topics of the didactic sessions will include: formulation of a research question, conducting a

literature review, the IMRAD format, writing for scientific journals, translation, submission, peer review, revisions and publicizing published work. Participants will be exposed to variety of software tools for research and writing, both proprietary (e.g. Reference Manager) and available for free on the web (e.g. [www.connotea.org](http://www.connotea.org))

**Prerequisites and Expectations:** All participants are expected to bring a manuscript to the sessions with the understanding that it will be critiqued within a small group. We expect participants to edit their work in the course of the week. Participants will also be expected to read and critique the work of their classmates.

**Registration:** The workshop will be limited to 20 participants in order to provide individual attention. Interested individuals should contact the editors of Social Medicine to register. Please email [Matthew Anderson](mailto:Matthew.Anderson@socialmedicine.info) or [Florencia Pena](mailto:Florencia.Pena@socialmedicine.info) if you are interested.

There will be no cost for this workshop

**Conference Information:** can be found at: [www.congressosalvador2007.com.br](http://www.congressosalvador2007.com.br)