



1ST CALL FOR PAPERS

We are pleased to announce the IASSCS Publication Mentoring Program. The goal of this pre-submission paper review program is to provide an opportunity for young and/or less experienced paper writers to receive feedback from more experienced researchers. This program will also provide an important learning and networking experience for paper writers and mentors alike.

There are two sub-categories considered as part of this program:

1. **Conceptual-Methodological:** to provide technical support regarding conceptual and methodological issues in the publication of research results. This mentoring seeks to strengthen the quality of academic papers and their likelihood of acceptance for local, regional or international publication. Papers to be considered include papers written in English, Spanish, French, and other languages depending on the availability of mentors.
2. **Editorial:** to provide editing support for papers written by non-native English speakers, or not originally written in English, in order to improve the quality of the translation and language before submitting for publication. This mentoring seeks to improve the language quality of papers in order to increase the chance of acceptance for publication in English.

The IASSCS Publication Mentoring Program coordinator will match mentors with authors according to sub-categories, topics and common interests and facilitate the process.

We would like to invite you to be part of this exciting learning experience by sending in your paper for mentoring and becoming part of IASSCS Network.

What to do before sending your paper?

- We recommend that you have at least one supervisor or colleague reviewing your paper and that he/she gives you feedback before sending it to the IASSCS Publication Mentoring Program
- We recommend identifying at least one scientific journal for submission. Therefore, it is important that you prepare your paper in accordance with that journal's submission guidelines

What will you receive?

- Each paper will receive a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 rounds of feedback from the mentor
- If required, mentors will give advice regarding appropriate journals for publication

- For the 1st sub-category, mentors will support authors by answering questions regarding conceptual and methodological issues and formal requirements on the papers, such as introduction and conceptual framework, research methods, analysis, discussion and conclusions/recommendations
- For the 2nd sub-category, mentors will support authors by editing and improving the language quality of papers for publication in English

What do we expect from you?

- Each paper sent for mentoring must be a final draft and follow a previously identified journal's submission guidelines
- Each main author is allowed to send a maximum of 1 paper
- It is the author's responsibility to incorporate feedback/suggestions into the paper. Mentors are not expected to make any changes to the paper
- Once the program has been completed, the author will be required to provide a brief feedback and evaluation (1 to 2 paragraphs) regarding their experience and recommendations to improve the program
- When a paper is published, authors will be expected to acknowledge the support received from mentors and the IASSCS Publication Mentoring Program
- The program coordinator reserves the right to return draft papers to the authors if they do not follow the submission guidelines.

At this time we are inviting you to send a summary (250 words maximum) of your paper (including title, abstract and 3-5 keywords). Summaries should be sent **by July 10th, 2010** for the Publication Mentoring Program indicating the sub-category of application, to the following e-mail address: publicationmentor@iasscs.org (subject: IASSCS – Publication Mentoring Program).

All summaries sent will pass by a selection process. Among those selected a match process will be carried out to identify mentors that better match with each paper. Finally, participants selected will be asked to send full version of papers **by August 10th, 2010** in order to start with the mentoring support.

We are looking forward to hear from you!

Kind regards,

IASSCS Publication Mentoring Program Coordinator