

**IMPORTANT for all those who wish to attend the *Scientific Writing* course in the upcoming workshop at Myeik University (2-10 March, 2020).**

Dr Marcela Suarez-Rubio will be teaching a course on *Scientific Writing* in Myeik University. She has requested that all staff and students who wish to attend this course should prepare some homework in advance.

This is VITAL in order to maximise the training outcomes of the workshop and **will be used to practice the principles of scientific writing.**

If you have any questions about this homework, please discuss it amongst yourselves and/or contact Dr Marcela or Dr Paul Bates.

The homework assignment is:

- to write a short article describing your research (a topic of your choice) OR use the results that were discussed in the last workshop about data analysis.

This article must include answers to the following five questions:

1. What is the broad topic of your research?
  - a. provide background information to the subject
  - b. identify your particular research topic (problem) that you are studying
  - c. tell the reader why this subject and your particular research topic (problem) is important.
2. What is your:
  - a. research question
  - b. objective, and/or hypothesis?
3. What are the key results of your work? Identify no more than two to three points
4. What is your main conclusion?
5. What did you learn about nature/biodiversity/conservation?

The word limit for this assignment is 950–1000 words (~ 3 pages).

**Please complete the assignment by 24 February** and send an outline to Dr Marcela at [marcela.suarezrubio@boku.ac.at](mailto:marcela.suarezrubio@boku.ac.at)