Faculty and delegates are expected to arrive before 14.00. An informal lunch will be offered.

Delegates are asked to bring along their note-books for hands-on sessions!

1st day : 10 April 2017

14.00: Welcome
Presentation of ESTS School
Presentation of faculty and introduction to the course

14.30– 18.00: Section 1: The structure of a medical article/ interactive.

- Why should we publish?
- the cycle of a manuscript: from submission to publication

- Round Table discussion: which problems I met and what I expect from the course (panel of experts and participants)

Coffee break 16.00-16.30

- The core substance of an article! (Interactive)
  - instructions for authors: the forgotten page!!
  - general rules
  - the different types of publications
    - original article
    - review article
    - case report
    - how I do it
    - letter to the editor
    - editorial

  - how to write an original article
- Particularities of other types of publications
- Discussion round
- Conclusion of the day: what is a good idea?
2nd day: 11 April 2017

9.00 – 10.30 Section 2: basics of methodology and statistics (+ practical demo of software)
- the different types of study
- the storage of data: construction of a database
- basic statistics
  - how to present data: descriptive statistics
  - how to compare data: analytic statistics
  - survival estimate
  - how to evaluate diagnostic tests
  - when should I call a statistician?

Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 Section 3: journals and references (interactive)
- the final step of my manuscript: some useful tips
  - how to select a journal for submission?
  - what I should check before submission?
- adequate referencing is important!
  - how to find references?
  - how to select references?

Lunch 12.30 – 14.00

14.00 – 17.00 Hands-on in parallel

Hands-on 1: Practical stats
- software
- how to select the appropriate test

Hands-on 2: How to present my data?
- fundamentals about graphs and tables
- different types of graphs or figures, and what they express

Hands-on 3: How to optimize use of Pubmed?
- examples with pubmed
- how to store my references

Informal coffee break during hands-on

17.00 – 18.30 Section 4: Critical Reading of medical articles (interactive)
- Generalities
- Example of a poor paper
- Discussion all panelists
3rd day: 12 April 2017

8.30 – 9.30 Section 5: How to prepare an oral presentation
- Before the presentation
  o choice of congress
  o how to get my abstract accepted!
- My first presentation!
  o the number and structure of slides
  o how to behave on the stage!
  o how to handle questions from the audience

9.30 – 12.00 Hands-on 4: the paper doctor’s consultation

Free discussion of participants with faculty to solve practical problems with the participants’ publications. The group will be split into 5 parts, each will be tutored by one of the faculty members

Informal coffee break in between

12.00 – 13.00 Section 6: some tips and tricks!

- how to prepare an image/video paper
- How to manage a rejected paper!!
- Evaluation and conclusion

An informal lunch will be offered at 13.00