

O'Connor, M.: **Writing Successfully in Science**. - Harper Collins Academic, London 1991. XI + 229 pp. Hardback £ 25.00, paperback £ 8.95. (Distributed by Chapman and Hall, London)

The book is a very useful manual to scientists in preparing and writing scientific manuscripts. The first 11 chapters will help to go through the whole process of writing a paper: starting with planning the publication, building the framework, preparing effective tables and figures, writing the first draft, choosing and styling references, revising the content and structure, and the style of the following drafts, preparing the final version for submission, submitting the paper and finally, checking the proofs

The following chapters concern preparing short talks and posters, writing a thesis, review articles, book reviews, grant proposals and *curricula vitae*. Two appendices are included: the first one summarizes uniform requirements for manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals, and the second one a list of terms to avoid in scientific manuscripts. A list of references and a subject index are added, too. The text is written clearly and precisely, good arranged and wittily illustrated. The manual will help authors of any nationality in successfully writing of scientific manuscripts but it pays attention to the needs of writers for whom English is not the first language. A think that the aim of the author "to smoothen the rocky road to publication" for any reader is fulfilled in an excellent way.

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