

I TRY IT

ISBT Transfusion Research Young Investigator Training



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Introduction

The I TRY IT 2024 programme is an initiative of the ISBT Academy and is led by members of the Transfusion-Transmitted Infectious Diseases, Clinical Transfusion and Red Cell Immunohaematology Working Parties.

1. About the programme

I TRY IT is a two part programme:

- **Part 1 Training in Study Design and Protocol Development**
- **Part 2 Training in Analysing Data and Manuscript Preparation**

The two parts of the programme are offered in different years. The 2024 programme will focus on Part 2: Reporting and Publishing Scientific Research. The objective is to support young investigators in the process of converting data to results and results into manuscripts fit for publication.

2. Objectives

The 4 main objectives of the 2024 I TRY IT programme are to learn how to:

To **complete a research protocol** for a study designed to be conducted in your country or where your work.

1. Make the **data analysis phase more efficient**;
2. Streamline the writing process by developing results from tables/figures;
3. Write each section of a manuscript
4. Learn how to provide and receive **constructive criticism of scientific writing**.

The most challenging part of publishing a manuscript is knowing

where to start. A key component for successful publication is a high-quality, complete dataset – an essential requirement for this program. Through this manuscript-writing course, you will be mentored through the process of converting your data to a scientific manuscript.

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So jump in, say “I TRY IT“, and send us your applications for I TRY IT 2024 programme.

3. Methods

Online live lectures: Participants and instructors are located all over the world. It is required for you to participate in the live lectures online. Attending the live lectures is the most certain way for you to learn the content and be able to ask questions to improve your depth of knowledge. We will be using Zoom™ for course lectures. To participate, you will be invited to each online lecture and then will have to join the lecture via the URL provided in each invitation.

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Lecture recordings will be posted on ISBT Education after the session is completed. Each participant will have a specific login and password to access the content. This will enable you to access the content at times that works best for you.

Homeworks assigned will focus on writing the sections of a man-

uscript. As part of the programme you will write a manuscript that can be submitted for publication.

You will also be involved in reviewing draft manuscripts written by your peer colleges to experience the peer-review process as a reviewer and reviewee.

Based on your performance in the programme, and completion of your assigned homework before the congress, you will be sponsored to attend the **ISBT Barcelona in June 2024**. Three face-to-face sessions will be conducted during the congress. In addition, depending on the topic of your research you are expected to attend the Transfusion-Transmitted Infectious Diseases, Clinical Transfusion or Red Cell Immunohaematology Working Party meetings during the congress.

4. Applicants and application

Submit your application below before **February 17, 2024**

- ISBT membership is a requirement for joining this programme
- Preference will be given to participants from LMIC and those who completed Part 1 of the I TRY IT programme.

[SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION](#)

To apply, please provide the following:

1. **A current curriculum vitae (CV) or resume** (please list any scientific publications)
2. **A letter of interest with the following:**
 - **A short summary of the transfusion medicine related research you wish to publish.** This must not exceed 500 words and should be written in scientific

abstract format (Background, Aims, Methods, Results, and Summary/Conclusions).

- **Confirmation of the availability of a quality-checked dataset with at least initial data analysis completed.**
- **You will be asked to share the dataset and initial analysis with your mentor, unavailability of such dataset may result in your removal from the programme.**
- **A initial summary table of the main data analysis from your study.** Kindly note that these data will not be used other than as part of evaluation of eligibility of entering the program. If you have not yet completed data analysis you must provide a shell table of the content that you expect will be the main results table to contain.
- **Confirmation that you have permission to publish the data as first author.**



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5. Expenses Covered

Three interactive sessions including course lectures will be given face to face at the 38th international congress of the **ISBT in Barcelona, Spain in June 23 – 27, 2024** (dates and times to be announced and may include I TRY IT meetings the day before or after the congress.)

Registration for this ISBT Congress is provided for the participants. Reasonable travel and accommodation expenses to attend this ISBT Congress will also be covered.

ISBT Central Office will work with you to arrange international travel. You are responsible for securing any required travel documents such as passports or visas. ISBT will assist you by providing letters of invitation, but you will have to apply and pay applicable fees yourself.

You must become a member of ISBT. ISBT membership fees are not covered by the I TRY IT programme. Click the button for more information on ISBT membership.

[MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION](#)

6. Required Reading

Publishing and Presenting Clinical Research, 3rd Edition, 2012 by Warren S Browner.

We will provide copies of this book to you. Books will be sent to you directly around the time of the first course lecture.

7. Acknowledgements

We also gratefully acknowledge **Dr. Edward Murphy of UCSF/BSRI** who developed the short-course format and **Dr. Willi McFarland** from the San Francisco Department of Public Health/UCSF, each has led multiple versions of courses similar to this in many different countries.

Without these predecessors this initiative would not have been possible.



“The ITRY IT initiative has been instrumental in enhancing my research skills and it was also an avenue for securing a grant for my project. The enticing grant funding competition at the end of the program remains the highlight, which can fund one’s research project in the field of Transfusion Medicine. Research funding remains a challenge for researchers worldwide, and I am sincerely grateful to the ISBT for this invaluable opportunity.”

Dr Deep Madkaiker, India

**“IF YOU NEVER TRY
YOU’LL NEVER KNOW”**



Schedule 2024

The lectures will start in March 2024. The webinars will cover the following content.

LECTURE/ LECTURER	DATE	TOPIC	HOMEWORK DUE
Marion Vermeulen	13 March 2024 (wk.11) 15:00 UTC	Course Overview: Objectives and Expectations; Facilitator-Writer Assignments	20 March 2024
Leo van de Watering	27 March 2024 (wk.13) 15:00 UTC	Practical Data Cleaning and Statistical Analysis	10 April 2024
Marion Vermeulen	17 April 2024 (wk.16) 15:00 UTC	Developing Tables and Figures	24 April 2024
Karin van den Berg	24 April 2024 (wk. 17) 15:00 UTC	Writing Tips	TBD
Karin van den Berg	8 May 2024 (wk.18) 15:00 UTC	Results Section	22 May 2024
Arwa Al Riyami	22 May 2024 (wk.21) 15:00 UTC	Selecting the Target Journal; Author Guidelines	5 June 2024
Arwa Al Riyami	5 June 2024 (wk.23) 15:00 UTC	Introduction and References	19 June 2024
Brian Custer	June 2024 (wk. 26) ISBT, Barcelona	Peer Review	TBD
Leo van de Watering	June 2024 (wk. 26) ISBT, Barcelona	Putting It All Together: Authorship, Choosing a Journal, Submission, Review, Revision	17 July 2024
Brian Custer	June 2024 (wk. 26) ISBT, Barcelona	Discussion	17 July 2024
Lilian M. del Castilho	24 July 2024 (wk.30) 15:00 UTC	Methods	28 August 2024
Karin van den Berg	14 August 2024 (wk.33) 15:00 UTC	Writing Abstracts for Papers and Congress Submission	7 August 2024
All	11 Sept. 2024 (wk.37) Time tbd	Peer Review Meeting	TBD

Note that all times below are Coordinated Universal Time. You will need to convert this to your local time.

