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Since 2010: "The Art of Scientific Publishing" - MSc/PhD courses + special training events

- Scientific publishing: why, what and how?
- A scientific paper: structure, types, techniques
- The process of publication
- Scientometry, indices and journals
- Bibliographic tools
- Conferences: talks and posters
- Writing applications: jobs, fellowships and instrument proposals
- Science communication: talking to the public

Scientific Writing for Young Astronomers

24-28 August 2014 - Tihany (Hungary)

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Scientific Writing for Young Astronomers 3 (SWYA3)

Tihany, 2014 August 24-28





What is SWYA?



- 2008 and 2009: organization of the 1st and 2nd Scientific Writing for Young Astronomers
- Direct purpose: teach beginning PhD Students how to express their scientific results through correct and efficient science writing: how to write scientific papers for different forums (journals, proceedings, thesis manuscripts, etc.)
- A&A purpose: make known A&A to students, who are or will be new authors, and will represent the journal, make it grown and publish in it.





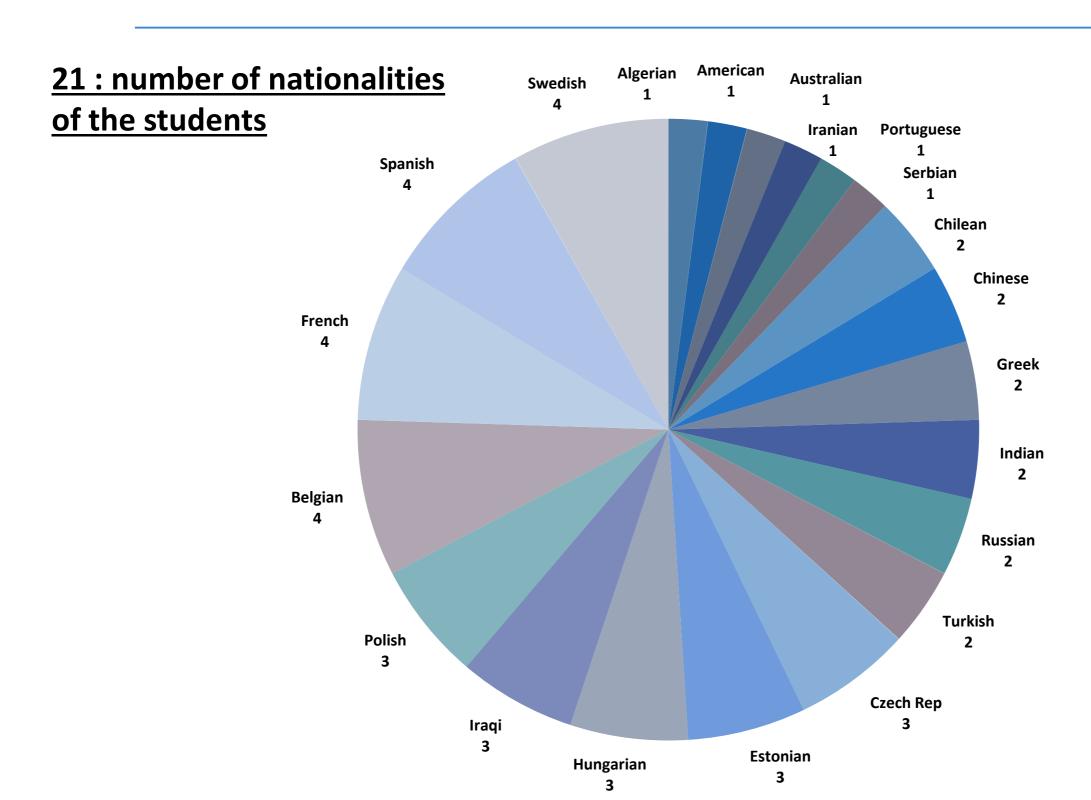
- 4 days schooling, from August, the 25th to the 28th
- 49 students, from 36 different institutes

(+1 student who cancelled one week before SWYA3)

- 21 nationalities
- 12 lecturers
- 1 website, <u>www.swya.org</u>
- 1 Facebook page
- 1 Facebook group (= forum)



3rd SWYA in figures





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19: Number of countries, Australia Austria Algeria_ regarding the institutes Germany Greece France 9 Hungary Russia 1 Serbia 1 Slovakia Switzerland 1 _Poland **Sweden** Czech 3 **Estonia Belgium Netherlands** 3

Spain

UK

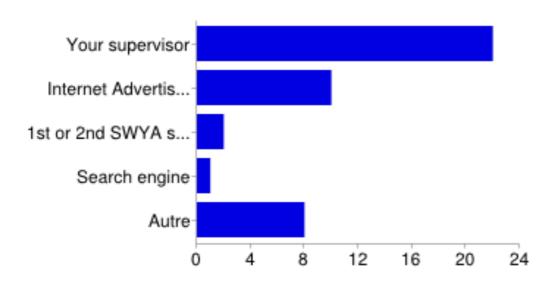
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Survey results



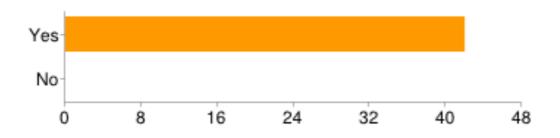
c) SWYA 3

11. How did you hear about the 3rd SWYA?



Your supervisor	22	52 %
Internet Advertisement	10	24 %
1st or 2nd SWYA students	2	5 %
Search engine	1	2 %
Autre	8	19 %

12. Would you recommend the next SWYA?



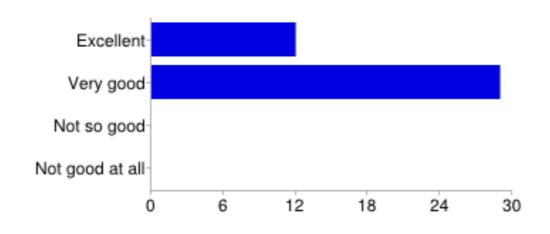
Yes	42	100	%
No	0	0	%

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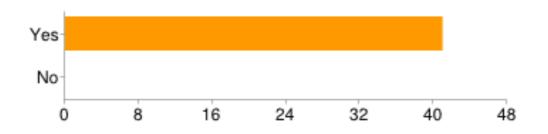
d) Lectures

1. Overall, how would you rate SWYA?



Excellent	12	29 %
Very good	29	69 %
Not so good	0	0 %
Not good at all	0	0 %

2. Has SWYA been helpful?







d) Lectures

Student's good comments:

- ✓ "I liked the most Effective Sciences writing because we have
 clear practice in small groups"
- ✓ "I liked the most Friendly approach and professional help"
- ✓ "I liked the most Friendly teachers"
- ✓ "It helps us to create useful connections"
- ✓ "It was structural, methodical and pedagogical"
- ✓ "I realized that the people who work at A&A want to help
 astronomers write the best possible publications"
- ✓ "I think [A&A] is a nice journal that cares about young
 astronomers and gives them a first chance to enter in the
 community"

Student's bad comments:

- ✓ "I didn't like the possibility to show our work to others
- ✓ "Few of us had our papers and I wish the workshops
 involved section from our papers instead of the already
 published papers"
- ✓ "I didn't like the lecture about SIMBAD"
- ✓ "A&A propaganda"

Student's proposals:

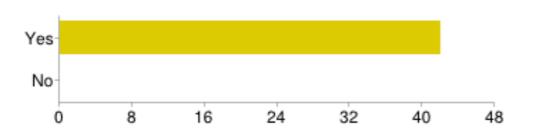
- ✓ "Not enough time for the practical work: more exercises"
- ✓ "Tell to the participants more about writing and less about publishing!"
- ✓ "Give one homework before SWYA"
- ✓ "Smaller working groups would be better"

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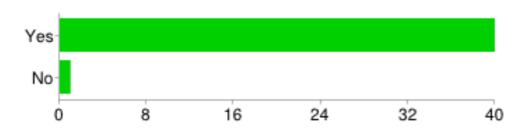
e) Astronomy & Astrophysics journal

15. Before the 3rd SWYA, did you know Astronomy & Astrophysics?



Yes **42** 100 % No **0** 0 %

17. Would you be interested in publishing in Astronomy & Astrophysics?



Yes 40 95 % No 1 2 %

If not, why?

Not my field



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General comments

- Badges: next time → print it on the 2 faces, because the badges turn, and sometimes we
 didn't know who was who
- Polo shirt: very appreciated
- **USB keys**: Students said that they receive a lot of USB keys (almost each conference). It is not useful for them, excepted if the keys offer a bigger capacity (more than 4 Go)
- **Gifts they propose**, depend to the place where takes place the conference : cap or sunscreen, umbrella...
- The students receive the program too late → we already inserted the program on the SWYA website, www.swya.org. It will be useful for the next edition

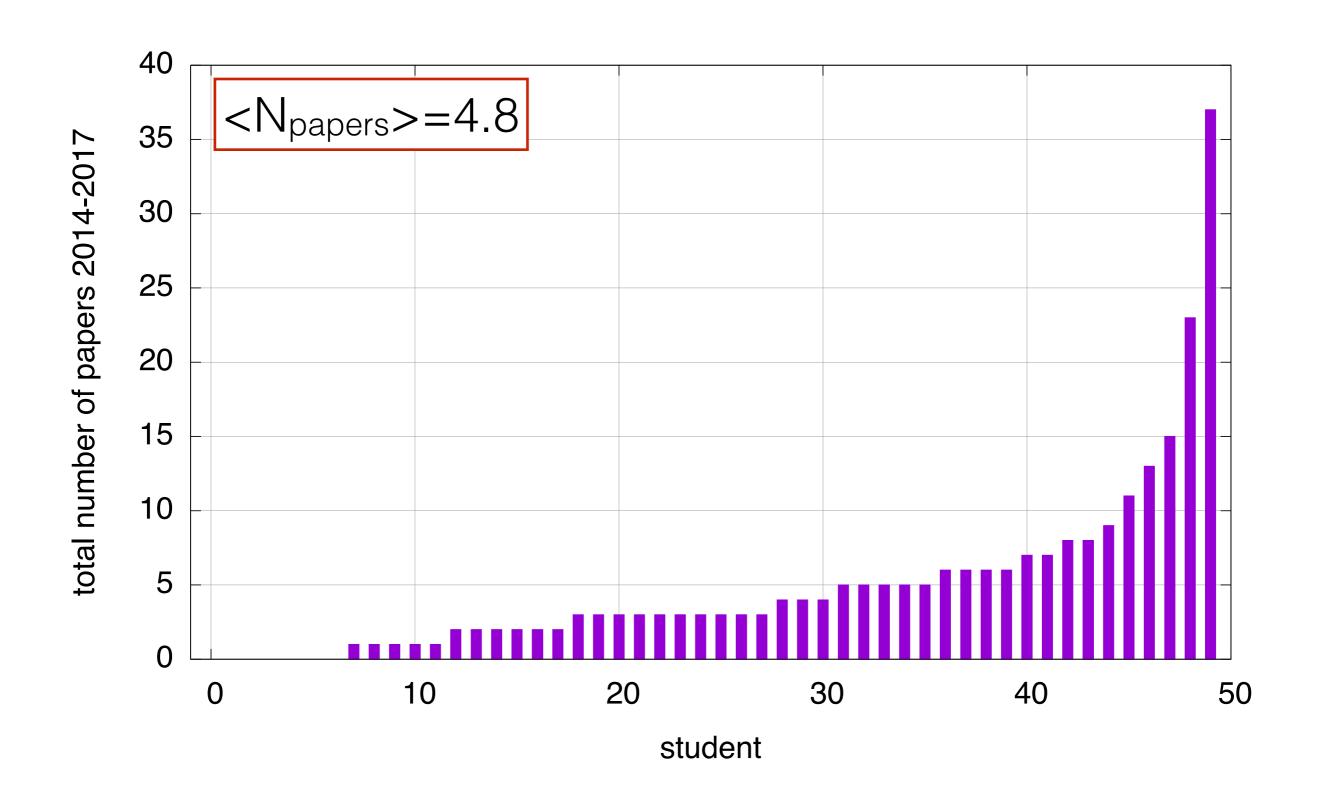
Overall impression: A&A board, students and lecturers congratulated the organization of the 3rd SWYA and appreciated the school







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