



**Danish Diabetes and  
Endocrine Academy**

**Peer Review:  
Understanding and  
Harnessing an Imperfect  
yet Vital Element in  
Academia**

**10 October 2024**

**MBK Course Centre  
Pilestræde 61  
1112 Copenhagen**

# Session overview



**Thursday, 10 October 2024**

Session I	A vital, yet imperfect, social construct
Session II	Understand the editorial process and its strengths and limitations
Session III	Navigate the editorial process effectively as an author
Session IV	Conduct peer reviews professionally (and learn when to say no)

# Programme

## Thursday, 10 October 2024

9:45-10:00 Registration with coffee, tea and snacks

10:00-10:15 Welcome and meet & greet

Education & Networking Manager **Gretchen Repasky**, Danish Diabetes and Endocrine Academy (DK)

10:15-11:15 **Session I: A vital, yet imperfect social construct**

Director **Dan Csontos**, Elevate Scientific and Elevate Scientific Academy (SE)

Learn about the origins, history, role, innovations, strengths, biases, and AI-developments shaping peer review.

11:15-11:45 Energizer & break with coffee & tea

11:45-12:30 **Session II: Understand the editorial process and its strengths and limitations**

Director **Dan Csontos**, Elevate Scientific and Elevate Scientific Academy (SE)

Understand the editorial processes at journals and the role of editors at different journals (including those at high-profile journals such as *Nature*) and learn about the evidence for reviewer and journal-related biases.

12:30-13:15 Networking lunch

13:15-14:30 **Session III: Navigate the editorial process effectively as an author**

Director **Dan Csontos**, Elevate Scientific and Elevate Scientific Academy (SE)

Understand the role of reviewers, how editorial decisions are taken, types of editorial decisions and what do to in response, and a templated approach to draft rebuttal letters and letters to

to editors for different situations.

14:30-15:00 Energizer & break with coffee & tea

15:00-16:00 **Session IV: How to conduct peer reviews professionally**

Director **Dan Csontos**, Elevate Scientific and Elevate Scientific Academy (SE)

Understand conflicts of interest, ethical issues, and a step-by-step and efficient workflow to review papers and draft informative, constructive, and professionally worded review reports.

16:00 End of the workshop

17:00-19:00 Dinner

Restaurant RizRaz  
Store Kannikestræde 19  
1169 Copenhagen

# Instructor

**Dan Csontos**, Director of Elevate Scientific and Elevate Scientific Academy (SE)

Dan has over 25 years' experience as a researcher, reviewer, and editor. He held editorial positions at Nature and Nature Physics, and was a freelance editor for Nature Communications. In his editorial roles, he was responsible for the editorial decisions on hundreds of research papers and handling the iterative peer review process. He also served as a reviewer for several journals during his postdoctoral years. In his current role at Elevate Scientific, he helps researchers develop and publish high-quality papers that make an impact. He holds a PhD in physics from Lund University.



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