Report about Publication Workshop at UTM

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Publication is important to share findings of our research with other researchers who working in the same field. However only high quality and well written paper can be accepted to be published in an international scientific journal.

In order to increase the chance of acceptance of my paper, I participated in the fourth publication workshop which held at the University of Technology of Malaysia from 7 to 11 March 2016. This workshop was organized by UTM with the collaboration of the International Water Association IWA and the Malaysian Water Association MWA. The objective of this workshop was to provide advices about techniques of writing scientific paper and publication process.

During the workshop days, I attended several lectures about techniques of writing the different parts of a scientific paper (Introduction, Material and Methods, Results and Discussion and Conclusion) and submission process. These lectures were given par Pr. Gustaf Olssen, IWA Specialist Fellow. I learned how to formulate the key message of the paper and how to reflect this in the title, abstract, introduction and conclusion of my paper. So that I modified the title of my paper and I improved the introduction of my paper based on the advices of professors. Pr. Gustaf gave us also a lecture about the publication processes and the editor's views. I learned especially how editors look to the paper and what they focused on before accepting or rejecting a paper. I got the chance also to discuss with Pr. Helmut Kroiss, IWA President about my paper and my research. He reviewed my paper and give me interesting advices to improve the quality of my paper and my research in general.

In the last day, we presented the key content of our paper using power point. My presentation was voted as the Best Presentation by the different professors and I received the Best Presenter Award.

This workshop was a good opportunity for me to improve the quality of my paper, discuss with professors professional in the field of publication and water science research, exchange idea with all participants, make new friends, intercultural exchange, discover Kuala Lumpor, trying Malaysian food and visit some sightseeing places such as Twin Tower, china town and Malacca.



Lectures given by Pr. Gustaf



Discussing with Pr. Helmut



Receiving the Best Presenter award



Me and two other students from Tsukuba University with profossors Helmut and Gustaf



Group photo



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Twin tower



Cultural event