

Short Course – Transferable Skills

How to write a good review – an editor's view

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Objectives and content

Science is based on a peer review system that aims to validate academic work and to help improve the quality of published research. As soon as early career scientists start to publish their first papers, they will have to deal with reviews from more experienced scientists. As they further develop their expertise and scientific career, they are likely to receive invitations to review research manuscripts themselves. Writing a good review requires not only expertise in the field and a sound knowledge of the relevant research methods but also a critical mind and the ability to give fair and constructive feedback.

This short course aims to provide insights into the process of writing a review with emphasis on aspects requiring particular attention to be of maximum value to the authors. The lecturer has more than 40 years of experience as a reviewer, as a member of several editorial boards, and as Editor-in-Chief of *Geo-Marine Letters*. He will share his experience and answer questions of the participants. There will be sufficient time for discussion.

The lecturer

Burghard Flemming has been the head of the Marine Science Division of the NRIO (CSIR) in South Africa (1979-1984) and of the Department of Marine Research at Senckenberg am Meer (1984-2009). He also has a strong record as reviewer for no less than 19 scientific journals and was on the editorial board of *Geo-Marine Letters* from 1979 to 1993 before taking over as Editor-in-Chief from 2000 to 2018. In addition he has, for various periods of time, been a member of the editorial boards of *Estuarine, Coastal & Shelf Science* and *Facies*.

Location and Time

MARUM, University of Bremen, Leobener Str. 8, 28359 Bremen, Germany
MARUM I (main) building, room 2070

10.00 – 12.00 hrs.

Registration

To register for this course, please visit the [course webpage](#).

Please note that your registration will be binding.

The registration deadline for this course is **9 January 2019**.

Any enquiries regarding the course should be addressed to early-career@marum.de.