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Profile

Technical writer with 20+ years experience seeks project assignments as a science writer. Collaboration with authors to clarify and strengthen original text, create clear, concise summaries of scientific and technical concepts, shape manuscripts, proposals, newsletters, and user manuals.

Science and Technology

Projects

- Consulted with researchers, physicians, and engineers to edit grant proposals, peer-reviewed manuscripts.
- Collaborated with physicians to ensure consistency for biomedical studies. Fine-tuned descriptions of antitumor activity, results of radiosensitization investigation, treatment options, benefits of palliative radiation therapy.
- Published white papers introducing software migration technique, automated scripting. Interviewed designers, implementers, managers to document system capabilities, configuration, diagnostics and troubleshooting.
- Wrote, edited newsletters, feature articles, grant reports. Shaped publications introducing system fundamentals, quality of service.
- Created usability studies, user manuals, step-by-step instructional booklets. Wrote case studies, overviews of new technologies, new infrastructure.

Marketing

- Conceived, developed, delivered marketing brochure for medical rehabilitation center.
- Wrote compelling descriptions of treatment benefits.
- Collaborated with engineers to re-position products for new services.
- Interacted with hospital staff, patients to identify and deliver leisure reading material.

Leadership

- Coordinated, reviewed presentations, created agendas for major U.S. Internet Service Provider organization.
- Solicited sponsorships for non-profit organizations, negotiated sensitive vendor agreements. Facilitated public/private sector collaborations.
- Organized training summits, small group classes.

Education

M.A., Ph.D., Near Eastern Studies, University of Michigan, 1972, 1983

Accomplishments

- Delivered accurate written text based solely on author interviews.
- Created publications that reach, inform, influence users and decision-makers.
- Published papers with broad applicability for new products, hardware implementations, software applications.
- Developed productive partnerships with marketing/development teams.
- Consulted with physicians, scientists to edit critical research reports.

History

Contract Writer, BBN Technologies, Cambridge, MA, 2009-present

Contract Editor, Department of Radiation Oncology,
University of Michigan Health System, 2007-present

Contract Writer, Juniper Networks, Sunnyvale, CA, 2007-2009

Founder, SciTech Writing & Editing, 2006-present

Senior Science Writer, Merit Network, University of Michigan
1992-2006

Editor, Information Technology Division, University of Michigan,
1984-1992

Selected Publications

Dai, Y., Liu, M., Tang, W., DeSano, J., Burstein, E., David, M., et al. (2008). Molecularly Targeted Radiosensitization of Human Prostate Cancer by Modulating Inhibitor of Apoptosis. *Clinical Cancer Research* 14, 7701-7710. (Editor).

<http://clincancerres.aacrjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/14/23/7701>

Meng, Y., Tang, W., Dai, Y., Wu, X., Liu, M., Ji, Q., et al. (2008). Natural BH3 mimetic (-)-gossypol chemosensitizes human prostate cancer via Bcl-xL inhibition accompanied by increase of Puma and Noxa. *Molecular Cancer Therapeutics* 7(7). (Editor).

<http://mct.aacrjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/7/7/2192>

“Welcome to Eisenhower Center” rehabilitation brochure, 2008.

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“Continuous Systems: Nonstop Operations With the JUNOS™ Software,” September 2009

www.juniper.net/us/en/local/pdf/whitepapers/2000317-en.pdf

“In-Service Software Upgrades: A Planned Upgrade Tool,” November 2008.

www.juniper.net/us/en/local/pdf/whitepapers/2000280-en.pdf