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ABSTRACT

Lack of awareness of cross disciplinary and cultural differences in text structures and reader expectations is believed to be the main cause of non-native writers' lack of success in the international community. Recently there has been a flow of interesting genre based studies of writing in academic and research situations for specific purposes to help ease this situation and this study is an effort to supplement this endeavor. This study was an attempt to analyse the rhetorical structure of research article (RA) in educational psychology, environmental psychology and economic psychology in view of the emergent interdisciplinary nature of knowledge which requires genre analyst to move towards analysis of academic genres such as the RA. Ninety RAs, thirty each from each of these disciplines, were analysed, to describe the move/ step structure of the abstracts and the various sections within these RAs. Further, an analysis of how titles are cast and new knowledge proclaimed within these RAs was also undertaken. This study provides a basic description of the structure of the abstracts and the various sections in these RAs and would facilitate the dissemination of knowledge among writers in these disciplines for both prospective native and non- native writers in these areas.

ABSTRAK

Kekurangan kesedaran tentang perbezaan dalam struktur text dan expektasi pembaca merupakan punca utama penulis yang menggunakan Bahasa Inggeris sebagai bahasa kedua kurang Berjaya menerbitkan dapatan kajian mereka dikalangan masyarakat antarabangsa. Kebelakangan ini, terdapat beberapa kajian menarik dalam bidang genre, khususnya mengenai penulisan akademik dan penyelidikan untuk tujuan tertentu untuk mengatasi kelemahan ini. Kajian ini diharapkan dapat membantu mengatasi kekurangan ini. Kajian ini adalah satu usaha untuk menganalisa struktur penulisan artikel penyelidikan dalam bidang Psikologi Pendidikan. Psikologi Persekitaran dan Psikologi Ekonomi memandangkan ilmu pengetahuan pada masa kini adalah dalam bentuk gabungan beberapa disiplin yang berlainan. Sembilan puluh artikel, tiga puluh dari setiap disiplin ini telah dianalisa untuk menerangkan struktur keseluruhan dan yang terperinci abstrak dan bahagian bahagian tertentu dalam artikel penyelidikan berkenaan. Analisa selanjutnya adalah mengenai bagaimana tajuk penulisan bagi tujuan penyelidikan ini dirangka dan bagaimana ilmu pengetahuan yang baru di struktur dalam penulisan tersebut. .

Kajian ini diharapkan dapat memberi satu penghuraian yang terperinci mengenai abstrak dan bahagian bahagian tertentu dalam penulisan artikel penyelidikan dalam bidang berkenaan supaya dapat membantu penulis yang menggunakan bahasa Inggeris sebagai bahasa pertama dan kedua menyampaikan dapatan kajian mereka dengan lebih sempurna.

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