Professor Pierre Braunstein, a distinguished scholar in chemistry, is going to offer a workshop on “Research Thesis Writing – How to Write and How to Pass?” for RPg students during his visit to HKU. Please find below the details:

Date: December 11, 2018 (Tue)
Time: 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Venue: P503 (on Level P5, one level below the Wang Gungwu Lecture Hall), Graduate House, Main Campus

The objective of this workshop is to think about how to write a thesis to get the maximum benefit of the work done during its duration. The relationship between the writing of the thesis and that of the corresponding publications will be the subject of special attention. The style of this Workshop will be informal and participants will be encouraged to share their opinions and interact with each other and with the speaker in order to share their experience and gain maximum benefit. To this end, students are invited to consider in advance the following aspects that will be addressed during the workshop:

- Why do we do research?
- Why do we want to publish?
- Where do we want to publish and how?
- Do we need to pay to publish? The challenges of “Open-Access”
- How does a paper get accepted or rejected?
- What is different and similar between a thesis and a publication?
- Possible formats for a thesis, what is best?
- Failing your thesis is not an option!
- Passing your thesis is not the end, but a passport for the future.

This future may include looking for research projects, career development and opportunities in Europe. Is science the only element of choice?

About the speaker
After his PhD in Inorganic Chemistry from the University of Strasbourg (France), Pierre Braunstein spent a year at University College London (UK) and another at the Technical University Munich (Germany) (with Prof. E. O. Fischer, Nobel Laureate). He became Research Director Exceptional Class within the CNRS, and is now Emeritus Research Director. His broad research interests lie in the inorganic and organometallic chemistry of the transition and main group elements, where he has (co)authored almost 600 scientific publications and review articles. Among his numerous awards and honors, he was an elected member of the French Academy of Sciences, of the German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina and since 2015, Head of the Division of Chemical Sciences in the European Academy of Sciences.

Registration
Students who are interested should complete the “Application Form for Workshop Registration” and submit it to the Graduate School no later than December 5, 2018. Places are limited and will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis.