

CICASP Seminar in Science Communication: Summary & Outline

Wednesday 20th June, 2018

Summary: CICASP Seminar #80

Fields of Jargon - Part I

Following the previous block of describing scientific concepts in a comprehensive way, this seminar focused on jargons (technical words).

Prior to the seminar, 7 students sent 5 jargons, along with the relevant research field. At the class, in pairs, the participants received the 7 sets of jargons, and guessed the research field related to each set. In sequence, each pair was assigned to one of the 7 research fields (which was different from their own fields). Their task was to describe the research field using the 5 jargons provided. At the end of this activity, the students were able to identify jargons, and they experience how difficult (and challenging) can be to understand a research field when you are not familiar with technical terms.

Wednesday 27th June, 2018

Outline: CICASP Seminar #81

Fields of Jargon – Part II

In the second workshop of this block, each participant who provided a word list will be expected to explain their chosen research area, using the jargon they supplied (and other jargon can also be used as necessary, but be sure to include at these the list of 5 words selected). The goal will be to have a very clear understanding of what the terms mean, so that you can explain them as you go along explaining your research area (as many of you did in our previous workshops on explaining scientific phenomena). These 'presentations' (no slides) will be to the class, so each student will have an opportunity to explain their field of research in general terms, including but also explaining the jargon that they use. We can also invite questions from the audience as necessary.

Reminder: Preparation Required

Before June 27th: Think of how to explain your research field using the list of 5 words (and others as needed) in approximately 2-3 minutes (no hard time limit). Come prepared to deliver your explanation to the class.

*If you did not send me a set of jargons but wishes to participate in this class, please contact me at rafaela.takeshita.3n@kyoto-u.ac.jp, with 5 jargons and the corresponding research field.