



CICASP Seminar in Science Communication: Summary & Outline

SUMMARY

CICASP Seminar in Science Communication #106

Scientific presentation skills #1: Strategies for building effective scientific presentations

5 PM-, Wednesday, June 5, 2019

In the first seminar of a series on scientific presentation skills, we explored techniques for delivering effective presentations at scientific conferences, with the emphasis on oral presentations. Participants learned the basics of giving a talk such as proper use of a microphone and a laser pointer, and delivering a speech with appropriate intonation and pauses. We highlighted the importance of making the presentation both engaging (so that the audience can stay focused) and easy to understand. Students analyzed excerpts of a transcript of an actual scientific talk to identify key words/phrases/concepts, and practiced delivering those parts of the talk with attention to tempo and intonation. We then discussed the essential elements of effective slides such as the right amount of information (often, less is more), readability (e.g. choice of font size and color scheme), and overall organization.

Members of PRI can download the slides for this seminar from the CICASP page on [muriqui](#) (look under BOARD).

OUTLINE

CICASP Seminar in Science Communication #107

Scientific presentation skills #2: ICEE practice talks

5 PM-, Wednesday, June 12, 2019 (3F Seminar Room--note room change)

Putting into practice all the skills that we learned in the last seminar, those who will be presenting at the **International Conference on Environmental Enrichment** will practice their talks and get feedback from colleagues on 6/12 and 6/19.

Please sign up by emailing back to me by 6/10 if you want to practice your talk on 6/12 (sorry, no video conference with WRC on this date because of the room change) or 6/19 (we will have a video conference with WRC on this date if WRC members want to practice).

If more people want to practice than we can accommodate during the regular seminar hours, we may hold an additional session (date & time TBD). Conversely, if few people are ready to practice, we can look at and give feedback on poster drafts, so let us know if you are interested in showing your poster. **We encourage everyone to start preparing early because ICEE starts on 6/22!** And remember, your talk doesn't need to be perfect or complete for the practice—we will be happy to provide friendly feedback to you at any stage of preparation.



Schedule of CICASP workshops [Spring 2019]

April Block (17, 24) - *Grant Writing Masterclass*

- JSPS fellowship applications, general grant writing concepts and tips, communication skills

May Block (15, 22, 29) - *Publish or Perish: a walk through the publication process*

- exploring journals and publishing options, submitting a paper, creating a cover letter, dealing with editors, reviewers and online submission systems, etc...

June Block (5, 12(?), 19; July 3) - *Presenting Effectively for dummies*

- basic concepts in presenting effectively, contrasting good and 'bad' talks, practice for upcoming conferences

July Block (7, 17, 31) - *Visual Storytelling: a picture is worth (at least) a 250 word abstract*

- practice developing (multimedia) visual aids for science communication to variable audiences, develop resources for upcoming events (e.g. CICASP 10th Anniversary, 12th International PWS Symposium (September 2019), etc.



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