

How to make scientific presentations and posters interesting

Collaboration between NCCR-Genetics and NCCR-Plants

Lecturer

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The objective of this course is to provide guidelines for the preparation and delivery of effective oral and poster presentations.

Pre-course assignment

Each participant will be required to:

(i) Give two 10 min. oral presentations (PowerPoint presentation each).

The first oral presentation will be based on a manuscript chosen by the participant. It has to be different from the thesis project or from the field of the laboratory.

In addition, it must be presented as if the participant was part of the team that had done the research. Please send previously a copy of the paper to the Lecturer for approval.

The second oral presentation will be based on the participant own research but prepared for an audience of 10-year old school children.

(ii) Prepare one poster (PowerPoint presentation)

The poster should be based on the student's current research. Please do not use a poster already shown in a meeting (in other words have not already been edited by a supervisor)

Some days before the course, each participant will receive an electronic copy of all the other posters. Participants must evaluate each one of them and must prepare comments (positive and negative aspects).

PowerPoint presentations must be sent to Professor McNeil **no later than April 23th** to jnmcneil@gmail.com

Participants are encouraged to take part actively of the discussion (evaluation of strengths and weaknesses of the other presentations).

General information

Participants: 12 people

Deadline April 21st, noon.

Dates: April 29th and 30th 2009

Schedule: from 9.30AM

Location: University of Geneva , Science III, room 4059

Evaluation:

1. Preparation and delivery of PowerPoint presentations before the course.
2. Active participation during the course.
3. Finally, participants are requested to submit a written evaluation immediately after the end of the course (a form will be provided).

Information: Please contact [Prof. Jeremy McNeil](#) (content of the course) or [Dr. Mougli Suarez](#) (administrative aspects)