



Scientific Talks in English

Prepare Yourself for an International Audience

Scientific talks have become one of the most important communication forums in the scientific community. They are nowadays mostly international. It is widely recognised that the ability to present your results, your work and yourself in English is an essential attribute for success in the scientific community. Every talk you give is an opportunity to impress potential employers, grant reviewers and future partners sitting in the audience. Your presentations will build your reputation and help to establish your own scientific credibility. How to deliver a scientific talk is not a skill presently taught at many training programs.

“Scientific talks in English” is a useful and practical training to develop more confidence in presenting your scientific findings in English. The aim is to help you to solve common problems such as time and nerves control or lack of words. This seminar will provide you with the main elements of a talk in English, the dos and don'ts of an international conference, and the key phrases you need to become a successful presenter at conferences and meetings.

Seminar Benefits

- You will learn how to tailor your talk to the audience's expectations
- You will learn how to start and end a talk in an international setting effectively
- You will learn what to do and what to avoid in international presentations (cultural differences)
- You will learn the specific vocabulary and idioms for talks in English
- You will learn how to deal with (difficult) questions
- You will learn how to cope with time constraints

Target Group

This course has been tailored to scientists from all areas and disciplines who are non-native speakers with some experience of presenting in an international context.

Seminar Date and Location

June 16 to 17, 2009, first day: 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm;

second day: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Koordinierungsstelle EG der Wissenschaftsorganisationen (KoWi),
Rue du Trône 98, 1050 Brussels

Programme

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Planning and preparing international talks

- Analysing your audience
- Setting the target and dealing with time constraints

Delivering an international scientific presentation

- Designing a professional start
- Structuring the main part
- Preparing a closing

Specific vocabulary for scientific talks in English

- Using idiomatic phrases and technical terms for your presentation and the question & answer session
- Polishing up your language

Important aspects of intercultural communication

- Knowing the effect of verbal and non-verbal communication cues
- Avoiding intercultural pitfalls

Professional coping with unforeseen situations

- Taking questions
- Dealing with difficult situations and stage fright

Learning by doing

- Presentations of participants with feedback and video analysis

Learning and Teaching Methods

- Short trainer inputs, feedback and guidance given from the trainer and other participants and video analysis of selected exercises

Seminar Fee

The seminar fee is EUR 1.470,- (possibly plus Belgian VAT).

The number of participants is limited.

Seminar Organisation

In case of questions concerning the organisation of the seminar or an accommodation please contact Vera Pauli,
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Trainer



Barbara Hey

After having passed a degree in commerce, Barbara Hey worked at Gerling Konzern with their Human Resource Department for about two years on a freelance bases. During her time at Gerling she passed a degree in Work and Organisational Psychology at the open University of Hagen. At ZEW she works at the department of knowledge transfer and further education as a project leader. She focuses on the qualification of international management and internal qualifications.