WORKSHOP: Effective Oral Presentations

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May 09, 2025 to June 02, 2025
09:30 to 18:00
Blue Lecture Room & Elements Room

Strong presentation skills are a key to success for researchers, yet many speakers are at a loss to tackle the task. Systematic as they usually are in their work, they go at it intuitively or haphazardly, with much good will but seldom with an effective outcome. This workshop proposes a systematic way to prepare and deliver an oral presentation: it covers structure, slides, and delivery, as well as stage fright.
The training session is underpinned by Jean-luc's book Trees, maps, and theorems, on i¿½effective communication for rational mindsi¿½ (20
Learn more about this book

MAY 9th: from 09:30 - 18:00
MAY 30th: (slot 1 and 2) OR **JUNE 2nd** (slot 3 and 4), from 9:30 - 18:00 - practic
Each participant will take part in a 4-hour practical session in one of the available time slots

Target Group: PhD Students and Post-doctoral researchers, with priority given to 2nd and 3rd years PhD students
Available places: 25

Trainers
Dr. Jean-luc Doumont
An articulate, entertaining, and thought-provoking instructor, Jean-luc Doumont has unmatched expertise and experience. An engineer (Louvain) and PhD in applied physics (Stanford), he offers rational, no-nonsense advice that resonates strongly with researchers. Over more than 30 years, he has addressed grad students, postdocs, and faculty at over 200 universities in some 30 countries in English, French, Dutch, and Spanish.
For additional information, visit www.principiae.be
Dr. Denitza Denkova (practical session)
Denitza Denkova is a senior postdoc at ICFO, with international experience leading cross-disciplinary teams and projects in scientific and industrial contexts. Her passion for effective and authentic communication was sparked during her PhD at KU Leuven (Belgium) by Jean-luc Doumont, who trained her to coach practical sessions on oral presentations.

Since then, she has coached presentation skills at her institutions and cultivated complementary interests in non-violent communication, meaningful interpersonal relationships, inspiring mentorship and leadership.

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