Workshop Presentation Skills

Dear Participants,

Presenting papers in English at international conferences forms a central part of our academic life. Speaking in a foreign language during presentations, however, poses several challenges that will be addressed in this workshop. The workshop is scheduled for July 29-30, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Contents:

The workshop focuses on giving effective presentations in English. It concentrates on the four central elements of presentations (situation analysis, structure, visual aids, and (body) language effects) and furthermore looks at the specifics of presenting papers in English in an international context.

Goals:

After the workshop the participants know which factors determine the quality of (English) presentations. They will have developed their personal presentation profile (strengths and weaknesses) through self-reflection and feedback from the other participants and the trainer. They understand how they can further improve their individual presentation skills and will have gained more confidence in their ability to present in English.

Methods:

In the workshop, brief theoretical inputs given by the trainers will alternate with work on practice presentations. The seminar offers the opportunity to work on topics the participants choose and to present them to the group. The presenters will receive feedback from the other participants as well as from the trainers. Video tapes are used to enhance the feedback process.

You will receive further information concerning the necessary preparations for the workshop after you have registered. If you have any questions concerning the workshop beforehand, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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