Presentation Training for a Virtual Stage: Engaging the Listener in Your Talk

Objective

This 2-day activity-based online workshop, led by a theatre professional, enhances the participants presentation skills in a video conferencing format. The training helps presenters to effectively communicate the importance and relevance of their topic and the core message in their presentation in an online platform. The Zoom Pro video conferencing platform will be used in this workshop and you will learn to work with its available functionalities.

Description

The interactive workshop affords participants the opportunity to enhance their video presentation skills. Constructive feedback from the trainer and group members as well as a review of their recording give the speaker a healthy amount of input while perfecting their online presentation skills.

Participants will be required to prepare a 3 to 5 minute overview of their work to an audience of scientists with mixed levels of expertise in a virtual meeting scenario. Participants will meet in online plenary sessions in the **morning sessions (9:00-12:30)** for modules of trainer input, discussion and practice on both days. Participants are then clustered by the trainer in working groups in the **afternoon sessions (13:30-17:00)** to practice and train their short presentations. Constructive feedback from the trainer and the other participants will provide you with professional input and offer benchmarks to assess the effect of your presentations. You will receive further information concerning your individual schedule of the afternoon sessions 2 weeks before the workshop.

Contents in brief

- Engaging the audience in one's talk and maintaining focus on the topic
- Affirming the strengths and individual style of the speaker
- Improving voice and physical presence in front of the camera
- Effectively promoting oneself
- Receiving recorded video-feedback

Methodology

- Vocal delivery and non-verbal coaching
- Partner work/role-play
- Language practice and analysis
- Recording and feedback

Conditions

Participants should have some basic experiences with video presentation.

Organizational Information

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| Date | Monday, 21 June & 28 June 2021  
Workshop: 9:00 – 12:30  
Coaching session: 1 hour in small groups between 13:30 – 17:00 |
| Registration | For registration click here |

Trainer

Ric Oquita  
Impulsplus, Köln

- Specialized in interpersonal communication skills
- B.A. and M.A. in Theater Arts, University of Southern California and Cornell University
- Several administrative positions as a project leader, associate producer and education director