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Course advertisement

Scientific Writing and Oral Communication

This course is designed to help scientists develop their academic writing and scientific communication skills. Among other topics, the lectures cover manuscript writing and publication, including preparation (structure, scientific style, linguistic strategies for expressing opinions, summarizing information, and presenting disagreement) and the submission process (choosing a journal, peer review, and correspondence with editors). The course also provides insights into the effective and responsible use of artificial intelligence in academic writing. Additionally, the course aims to foster skills in delivering effective poster and slide presentations, covering both preparation (structure, design, and rehearsal) and delivery (engaging the audience, using effective body language, and handling questions). Participants can expect practical, down-to-earth advice and readily applicable resources that form an essential part of a scientist's professional toolkit.

The course is open to all PhD students.

Date / time	**June 14+15, 2027** (2 full days)
Room	University of Zurich, Irchel Campus, room to be announced
Type	Lecture
Preparation	Participants are invited to bring a poster for a brief mock presentation, either as a full-size or A4 printout or on their computer. If you do not yet have a poster, a draft, figure, or other scientific material can be used instead. The purpose of this activity is to practice a few poster-presentation strategies and exchange feedback with colleagues. The scientific content will not be critically reviewed.
Lecturer	PD Dr. Pedro A. Ruiz-Castro (pa.ruizcastro@gmail.com)
Maximum participants	25
Recommendation	To be taken during the first year of the PhD
Further information	BioMed Coordination Office: Adriana Rüegger (adriana.rueegger@uzh.ch)
Credit points	1 ECTS credit
Registration	By email to Adriana Rüegger (adriana.rueegger@uzh.ch) Deadline for registration: **June 1, 2027**