COMMUNICATING SCIENCE EFFECTIVELY

Training on scientific presentation

The Scientific Presentation Workshop

Communication is an integral part of our personal and professional lives. Communications is essential to both, inform others and to receive valuable inputs. This ranges from personal interactions, social media networking, getting your messages across to decision-makers and the general public using various communication tools and skills.

The Scientific Presentation Workshop is designed to improve the delivery of scientific and technical information/advice. It is designed to provide the skills needed to communicate clearly and confidently to a wide range of audiences.

The course will be run over 4 full days (11-14 October, 2011). It will be a learning-by-doing workshop with around 25% instruction time and the rest will be spent organising, preparing and delivering a short scientific presentation; while receiving feedback from peers and facilitators. At the end you should have a completed short presentation. This is not a course about PowerPoint, but will include tips on how to use audio visual aids effectively.

Please do the following:
1. Chose a topic for your presentation (from the paper produced in the first workshop) that you will prepare during the workshop. Do not bring a part-complete presentation, as we want to start from a near-blank sheet.

2. Assemble a collection of raw material you will need. I expect you are likely to bring some photographs, figures and tables that you can cut and paste into the presentation.

3. Consider an agreement with a presentation “buddy”. During the workshop your presentation will get several short, sharp reviews by a buddy and facilitators. If you have a close colleague (or someone that you want to work with) it is useful, but not essential, for you to pair up in this process. More on this when we start the workshop, but for now just scan the list of participants (see the email addresses above) and chat with folk you know.

4. Your work station for the 4 days of the meeting will need to be ergonomic. The best option is to bring your Wi-Fi enabled laptop, mouse, and keyboard.

No other pre-work is required.

Remember it is a writing ‘lock up’ – you should not have parallel appointments and should not deal with other business (e.g. via email) during the workshop. You can deal with your correspondence before and after the workshop each day.
**About Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystems (BOBLME)**
Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand are working together through the Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem (BOBLME) Project to improve the lives of coastal populations through better management of the Bay of Bengal environment and its fisheries. For more information visit www.boblme.org

**About Mangroves for the Future (MFF)**
Mangroves for the Future (MFF) is a joint partnership-based regional initiative with UN and donor agencies, NGOs, local communities and the private sector to promote investment in coastal ecosystems. It is focuses on eight focal countries (India, Indonesia, Maldives, Pakistan Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam), plus several outreach countries. MFF provides a unique regional platform for Integrated Coastal Management (ICM), using mangroves as the entry point.