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Dear all students,
Dear all faculties,

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Notice of Short Course on Skills for Presenting Research in English

Since FY2015 we have been hosting an English-language short course on scientific presentations with the goal of improving scientific presentation skills here at SOKENDAI • KEK. The course is a basic overview of topics and skills covered in the “NIG Method” scientific presentation course developed and offered as a year-round course at the National Institute of Genetics, Department of Genetics, SOKENDAI.

This year, we will be holding an English Presentation course again here at KEK with an in-depth and interactive focus on selected portions of the NIG Method course. In particular, the up-coming course, taught by a native speaker of English and specialist in linguistics, is designed to develop language and presentation design skills for more efficient oral and written communication of scientific research.

The course will be taught in English and is open to both Japanese and International participants - including native speakers of English. Dates and locations are given below.

~~➤ August 29th, afternoon - 30th, 2019
(KEK Tsukuba campus, Building 2, SOKENDAI lecture room)~~

➤ January 9th 2020, 13:30-17:00 / 10th, 10:00-17:00
(KEK Tsukuba campus, Building 2, Meeting room 101)

The topics of the lectures are scheduled as follows:

- ~~-Lecture I: “Main Message” and order of explanations~~
- ~~-Lecture II: Flow, Focus and Emphasizing Key Ideas~~
- ~~-Lecture III: Speaking Techniques for Effective Communication~~

~~Lecture IV: Describing Graphs & Describing Images and Raw Data~~
~~—(including group lessons)~~

Lecture V: Overall Structure, Introductions and Conclusions

Lecture VI: Asking Questions

Lecture VII: Answering Questions

Each session is largely independent, meaning participants may attend one, all, or any combination of sessions they would like to or are able to. The course is not limited to SOKENDAI students and is open to other graduate students, postdocs, staff/faculty, etc.

The “NIG Method” is the philosophy of practical training developed at the National Institute of Genetics (NIG) to foster a deeper understanding and mastery of fundamental skills for scientific communication and presentation including effective presentation structure and design; logical scientific thinking; and language for maximum communicative efficiency in explanations and scientific discussion with a particular focus on English. We have invited Taji GOHMARU, English lecturer for the Department of Genetics, SOKENDAI, to present the course.

Those who would like to participate in all or any part of this course, please send a request including your name and laboratory / department by January 6th to the Director of Education (kyodo2@mail.kek.jp). Please be sure to include “Enrollment Request for English Presentation Course” in the subject line.

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