



14th Young Researchers Meeting «Soft skills for hard-working researchers»

11 and 12 June 2015
 Hotel Aeschi Park, Aeschi b. Spiez

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Thursday, 11 June 2015

09:45 – 10:30	Check-in at Hotel Aeschi Park, Coffee
10:30 – 11:15	Welcome and introduction, who's who
11:15 – 12:45	Parallel workshops
12:45 – 14:15	<i>Lunch</i>
14:15 – 16:00	Parallel Workshops
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:30 – 18:15	Parallel Workshops
18:45	<i>Dinner</i>

Friday, 12 June 2015

07:30 – 08:15	<i>Breakfast</i>
08:30 – 10:00	Parallel workshops
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:30 – 12:00	Parallel workshops
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:30	Parallel workshops
14:30 – 14:45	<i>Break</i>
14:45 – 15:45	Plenary session
15:45	Wrap-up
16:05	<i>Bus departure to the train station of Spiez</i>

MORE DETAILS ON THE MEETING PROGRAMME

Who's who

Everybody introduces him- or herself in 60 seconds. For example, you could tell

- who you are
- what you do or plan to do (thesis or project)
- about your methods, data, results, etc.

The idea is to immediately attract the interest of others in your person or work, a situation which you might encounter at an international scientific meeting.

Parallel workshops

Every participant has the opportunity to participate in one of the following workshops:

Workshop 1 “Advanced Scientific Writing” by Prof. Dr. Craig Hamilton, U. Bern

To prepare for this workshop, students should read in advance and bring to the workshop:

Writing Science in Plain English by Anne Greene (University of Chicago Press, 2013):

<http://www.press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/chicago/W/bo15288825.html>

Students should also bring to the workshop one copy of a published paper that they think is a good example of a scientific paper in their specific field of research. It will be good if students bring that paper to the workshop as a PDF file on their laptops. In class we will work both on form and style so that students leave the workshop with ideas about how to improve their writing in science.

Prof. Dr. Craig Hamilton teaches English at the University of Haute Alsace and at the University of Bern. He did his PhD in English at the University of Maryland and he did his Habilitation in English at the University of Strasbourg. He has taught writing courses in many different universities for nearly 20 years. For example, from 2007 to 2015, he taught advanced scientific writing courses at the University of Basel. He has published nearly 60 papers over the last 15 years in the field of English Studies.

Workshop 2 “Giving Effective Scientific Presentations” by Dr. Réka Mihálka

This workshop aims to give young researchers the opportunity to observe efficient presentation strategies and to put these observations in practice. To achieve these goals, we will review how to forge a good research story, how to structure information adequately, how to improve individual parts of a presentation, how to use body language and voice projection optimally, how to respond to questions, and how to meet the audience's expectations in different cultural environments. Exercises will include (but are not limited to) delivering parts of a presentation and discussing ways to improve them, interacting in typical conference situations, and mastering the body language of presentations. Participants will receive individual feedback on their abilities and suggestions for improvement.

Dr. Réka Mihálka is a lecturer in English for Academic Purposes at the Academic English Services at the University of Bern. She received her summa cum laude PhD in English at Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary in 2011. Beforehand, she held fellowships at Kyoto University, Japan; Birkbeck College, University of London, UK; the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium; and New York University, the USA. Consequently, she has been a regular participant on conferences from Japan to the US.

Workshop 3 “Scientific Project Management” by Dr. Carine Galli Marxer

This very practical course allows researchers to learn project management (PM) methods and tools that can be immediately applied in own research projects. No prior knowledge is required, but participants will be required to bring project examples, issues and problems, which are of interest to other scientists.

You will learn how to define an innovative project and how to plan it. By analyzing risks and by establishing your communication concept you will avoid disasters. At the end of the course you will possess all necessary tools to successfully lead your research project, knowing the success factors to manage projects.

Dr. Carine Galli Marxer studied Physics, has a postgraduate master in teaching as well as in Project Management (MAS). During her career, she never stopped exploring new topics in interdisciplinary and intercultural environments, successfully leading innovative projects: PhD work about bio-implants and biosensors, Postdoc about cell membranes, Project manager of a EU research project in surface science, Program manager in innovation at the CTI, Project manager of a new Swiss strategic project in the field of radioprotection in medicine. Since 2011 she is training researchers to successfully manage and/or supervise projects.

Plenary session

At the end of the meeting, every group will shortly present the lessons learned from the individual workshops.

VENUE

Venue: Hotel Aeschi Park

<http://www.aeschipark.ch/>

Accommodation: double room, full board.

Meals: table service, vegetarian meals are available.

Costs: The costs of the meeting (full board accommodation and teaching material) are covered by the Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research. Reimbursement of travel expenses must be organised through the individual projects/research groups. For any further question and requirements concerning accommodation please contact Monika Waelti (monika.waelti@oeschger.unibe.ch).

Please note cancellation costs:

After 11 May 2015: 100 CHF

Cancellation costs do not apply in cases of health or family emergency. Deadlines to submit a thesis or a paper and other workshops/conferences, however, are not considered as a case of emergency.

TRAVEL

These are the ideal train and bus connections from Bern to Aeschi b. Spiez on 11 June 2015. Participants coming from other locations should query <http://www.sbb.ch/en/home.html> for connecting trains.

09:04	dep.	Bern (IC Interlaken Ost)
09:31	arr.	Spiez
09:35	dep.	Spiez, train station (Bus 62, direction to: Aeschiried, Schulhaus) The bus is leaving across from the arriving platform.
09:44	arr.	Aeschi b. Spiez, Post

To get to Hotel Aeschi Park, just walk back for about 100 m into the direction where the bus came from and you will find it across the street.

Return connections on 12 June 2015:

16:05	dep.	Aeschi b. Spiez, Post
16:18	arr.	Spiez, train station
16:22	dep.	Spiez (IC, direction to Basel SBB)
16:52	arr.	Bern HB

See <http://www.sbb.ch/en/home.html> for other points of departure.