

Student writing workshop: titles, figures and tables; how to create effective communications for papers and presentations

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Workshop topics: We will consider: (i) titles: importance of an effective title, different ways of structuring a title, (ii) graphics and photographs: axis labelling, composition, composing effective legends, (iii) tables: layout, column and row headings, effective titles, and (iv) considerations for manuscript versus PowerPoint presentations.

Workshop format: The workshop will mix didactic elements, individual exercises, and small group work.

Workshop materials: Participants will receive lecture materials, hardcopy worksheets, and checklists for effective figures and tables.

Organizers: The workshop leaders are Dr. Barbara Nowak and Dr. Sarah Poynton. Dr. Nowak is Associate Editor of the Journal of Fish Diseases, and a member of the editorial boards for a number of other journals. Dr. Poynton is a reviewer for a diversity of aquatic animal health journals, teaches scientific and biomedical writing, and is a freelance editor. Dr. Nowak and Dr. Poynton taught the well-attended student workshop on scientific publishing at the EAFP conference in Las Palmas in 2015.