

Communicating Scientifically (I)

This **practice-oriented** and **interactive** English language course is designed to improve your ability to communicate effectively within the international scientific community.

Objectives

By the end of the course you should be able to

- ♦ identify and correct the most common grammatical and stylistic errors;
- ♦ edit your work more confidently;
- ♦ deliver a talk more successfully;
- ♦ handle questions more comfortably; and
- ♦ feel more at ease with social/functional English.

Delivery

Eight 90-minute face-to-face sessions.

Content

The areas we will cover include:

Scientific Writing

- ♦ Sharpening your scientific writing style
- ♦ Writing abstracts

Using example texts and your own material, we will focus on various aspects of writing, including choosing the right word, using the correct tense, structuring sentences, and transitioning.

Feedback will be given on your own writing to help you identify and work on any specific language issues you may have.

Oral Scientific Presentations

- ♦ Planning a presentation
- ♦ Creating and using appropriate visuals
- ♦ Handling questions

You will deliver a short talk on an aspect of your research. Again, feedback will be given to help you identify and work on any specific presentation issues you may have.

Social/Functional English

- ♦ Introducing yourself and colleagues
- ♦ Greeting and leave-taking
- ♦ Initiating and responding to small talk
- ♦ Writing emails (formal vs. informal)

NB!

Most of the coursework will take place in class, but do allow for preparation time (e.g. for your presentation) outside of class.

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Dara Lise Migliore is a native New Yorker who has been living in Europe for over 20 years. For the past nine years she has been working in English language training, designing and delivering a variety of English language courses for business professionals, academics, and university and secondary school students. Related work includes copyediting and proofreading of technical and scientific texts.

Prior to language training, Dara was involved for many years in commercial fields as diverse as architecture and construction in New York City and cable television in Germany. She has a keen interest in the sciences, the Medieval period, and linguistics. Her second languages are German and Italian.