Seminar on Scientific Soft Skills

Seminar organization

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Feedback!

- Why did you sign up?
- What do you expect?
- What do you want to work on? What skills would you like to improve?
How could the seminar look like

- English grammar exercises at the beginning of each class
  - Hewings: *Advanced grammar in use*

- Five minute presentation of each student’s work
  - With slides

- Lectures given by me
  - Critical reading
  - Paper reviewing
  - Scientific writing
  - Presentation
How could the seminar look like

- Each student is assigned a paper
  - Conference-style presentation (15 + 5 minutes sharp)
  - Followed by a critical discussion of the paper
  - Critical review – review form provided
  - Two page summary – ready for publication
  - Another round of conference-style presentations
    - This time flawless!
Making this effective

- Do not waste time:

- Work on your own paper in the seminar! (Or choose something closely related to your work)

- Where to find the papers
  - [http://tog.acm.org/](http://tog.acm.org/)
  - [http://diglib.eg.org/](http://diglib.eg.org/)
  - [http://www.computer.org/portal/web/tvcg](http://www.computer.org/portal/web/tvcg)
  - [http://www.computer.org/portal/web/computingnow/cga](http://www.computer.org/portal/web/computingnow/cga)
Rules

- Seminar held exclusively in English

- Attendance mandatory
  - Miss more than 2x = fail

- Deadlines are strict
  - Missing a deadline = fail
Deadline summary (1/2)

- **03/01/2012 (Next week) – paper choice**
  - Send me your choice by e-mail during the week
  - Can discuss during / after today’s seminar

- **03/08/2012 (Week 3) – students’ work presentations**

- **03/22/2012 (Week 5) – paper presentations start**
  - 2 papers per seminar – we’ll see how it goes
Deadline summary (2/2)

- 04/05/2012 (Week 7) – paper review
- 05/10/2012 (Week 12) – written paper summary
Students’ work presentations

- 5 minutes max, with slides
- Structure
  - Introduce yourself
  - Work you have done in the past (publications?, awards?)
  - What research questions are you working on in general? What is their relevance to your research field and society?
  - What is your current work on? What results are you expecting? Where/when do you want to publish?
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