Seminar on Scientific Soft Skills

Seminar organization

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Feedback!

- Why did you sing 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://kesen.realtimerendering.com/
  - http://tog.acm.org/
  - http://diglib.eg.org/
  - http://www.computer.org/portal/web/tvcg
  - 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?

Literature

- Hewings: *Advanced grammar in use*, 2nd ed., Cambridge University Press, 2006.