

Wednesday 21st June, 2017

**Summary: CICASP Seminar 60
Scientific Debates**

The topic of debate this session was Artificial Intelligence (AI). In a new format, more closely resembling a formal debate, two pairs of students presented 'pro' and 'con' sides of AI. Each speaker began with their opening statement, presented within 3 min with the aid of powerpoint. This gave a general overview of their argument. Afterwards, the debating pinged back and forth between the presenting pair. After both pairs had presented, the audience split into small groups to discuss the topic. We held a vote to determine which speaker had been the most persuasive. Much of the argument was clear and logical, however, some relied on logical fallacies, such as the 'appeal to authority' and emotion.

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**Outline: CICASP Seminar 61
Scientific Debates**

The next topic for scientific debate will be lab-grown meat. We will have two debaters going head-to-head first, followed by another opposing pair. Debating uses a very important skill that applies across science communication: making your point logically and effectively.

CICASP Seminar in Science Communication Schedule

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| Seminar 55 | Bibliobattle: Persuasion 'by the book' (1/3) | April 19th |
| Seminar 56 | Grant Writing Masterclass | April 26th |
| Seminar 57 | Workshop Development Session | May 17th |
| Seminar 58 | Bibliobattle: Persuasion 'by the book' (2/3) | May 24th |
| Seminar 59 | Bibliobattle: Persuasion 'by the book' (3/3) | May 31st |
| Seminar 60 | Scientific Debates (1/2) | June 21st |
| Seminar 61 | Scientific Debates (2/2) | June 28th |
| Seminar 62 | TBA | July 5th |
| Seminar 63 | Practice Presentations | July 19th |
| Seminar 64 | TBA | July 26th |
| Seminar 65 | Practice Presentations | Aug 2nd |