

Wednesday 30th November, 2016

Summary: CICASP Seminar 44
Science Talk: Media Interviews 2

Following the interviews modelled in the previous seminar, students had prepared interview questions to ask their partner about a pre-agreed scientific article. Each pair took it in turns to interview each other using, respectively, a critical interview or press interview format. Two participants not at the previous seminar listened to an interview taking place at this seminar and created their own synopsis. Each interviewer then provided a brief spoken summary to everyone present. The accounts of the interviews made for fascinating listening.

Preparation for next seminar:

- If you attended this week's seminar, use your summary of the interview conducted to create a short written summary. You will be reading this aloud at the next seminar.
- Keep your target audience firmly in mind while writing your summary (see the goals for each format given on the next page).

Wednesday 7th December, 2016

Outline: CICASP Seminar 45
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This will be the last seminar in this block and this calendar year. In the previous seminar, participants practised asking pre-prepared questions and gave a spontaneous spoken summary. This week, attendees will read out a prepared written summary and get the opportunity to practise asking questions formulated spontaneously. Each person will share their written summary of the interview that they conducted in the preceding week's seminar. The others present will then ask them questions about the content. This seminar-block gives participants practise at summarising research in two different modalities: spoken and written; and for two different audiences: for fellow scientists and for the general public.

Science Talk: Media Interviews Block – Format

Continuing along the lines of critical thinking in a research framework, this block of seminars allows you the opportunity to engage with a piece of research, i.e. a scientific paper, by interviewing the author or a representative of the authors of the work, and summarising the research for a particular type of audience.

Two formats will be used for summaries:

1/ Critical

The goal is to convey the most relevant scientific information about the paper, to highlight its scientific value;

2/ Press/Media

The goal is to convey the most popular information about the paper, to appeal to a large and general audience.