

Chemistry 642 - Seminar Presentation

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You are expected to produce and present a 45 minute seminar on a chemical topic of current interest. The subject can be within your area of interest but must not be directly related to your research topic or that of your lab mates. The talk should be based on the primary literature (*e.g.* publications such as Nature, Science or ACS, RSC journals). Bring your suggestions and some references to me before February 10.

Some helpful hints: Avoid long lists of bulleted text; don't use black text on a blue background; keep slides simple and don't have more information than you can present in a minute or two. A more complete set of do's and don'ts can be found in the presentation of Prof. J. Robinson at Purdue:

<http://www.cyto.purdue.edu/Education>

The organization of your talk and your slides should be as professional as possible. Be sure that you put the topic in perspective. That includes the reason for the research, previous results and potential applications. All graphics, equations and data must have literature citations. You should be prepared for questions – including some that you might not have thought of. Hence thorough preparation, including rehearsal in front of your friends, the mirror and, of course, me is critical. By now, you should have seen enough seminars that you know what needs to be done, and, perhaps what can go wrong.

I will need an abstract – just about one page with references – two weeks before your talk. The rules of plagiarism must be obeyed: any questions?