

Wednesday 2nd November, 2016

Summary: CICASP Seminar 42
Introduction to Schedule & Brainstorm

This seminar was the last in the block of workshops helping you to practice asking questions. The aim was to encourage critical thinking in topics that might be unfamiliar to you. This week our guest speaker was Dr. Kevin McCairn, who gave a talk on the subject of neuroscience about investigating the cause and treatment of *Tourette's Syndrome*, entitled:

'Deciphering Complex Brain Disorders: The Pivotal Role Nonhuman Primates Play in Evaluating Disease Mechanisms and Development of Next Generation Therapies'

In groups of 3-4 participants thought up questions to ask Dr. McCairn. An important take-home message is that there is no such thing as a silly question.

Wednesday 16th November, 2016

Outline: CICASP Seminar 43
Science Talk: Media Interviews

This will be the first in a block of three seminars focused on helping you practice communicating your research to a more general, non-specialist audience. This can be, in many ways, more difficult than sharing your research with a more specialist audience. You will also practice critical thinking about a topic and field outside your own.

The idea is to role-play, in turn: being the media interviewer asking questions to a researcher; and the interviewee being asked questions by the media. This introductory session will present the topic and you will see a model interview take place.