



SUMMARY

CICASP Seminar in Science Communication #131

Exploring the Online Academic Conference Sphere III: more tips for online presentations

5PM–, Wednesday, June 3, 2020

In our previous seminar, we continued our exploration of what makes online academic presentations successful. We had students present from both WRC and PRI, practiced their lightning talks in a 3-minute professional self-introductions using Zoom.

OUTLINE

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Responsibilities as Scientists to our Society I

5PM–, Wednesday, June 17, 2020 (**online meeting using Zoom; access details will be provided in email announcements**) *

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we will continue our seminars via synchronous online meetings using Zoom. As we rely on social media more than ever, it is also important to be critical of misinformation sent out to the general public, or the lack of information, and what our obligations are as scientists to the community. Currently we are facing misinformation regarding zoonotic diseases such as with COVID-19, and scientists are working hard to mitigate the dissemination of wrong information. In our first seminar, we will focus on another issue that is being currently tackled by scientists, wildlife exploitation.

In the upcoming seminar **(6/17)** we will have the opportunity to listen to two speakers: Dr. Nahoko Tokuyama of WRC will discuss her experiences of speaking out against the use of wildlife for entertainment, focusing on the case of a chimpanzee named Pan-kun. Pan-kun has appeared on a Japanese TV show called

Shimura doubutsuen, or "Shimura zoo", where he is dressed up in clothing and made to perform human-like acts (**see links below**). Our other speaker will be Dr. Marie Sigaud of PRI, who will speak about the truth behind the wildlife trade, in particular, the problem at pet cafes and what happens behind the scenes in this large industry. Animals are commonly exploited in these cafes, and Marie will argue that scientists have an ethical obligation to stop it with the public.

This will be a great opportunity for everyone to see examples of what we can do professionally as individuals to approach such problems, what challenges we can expect to face, and what the potential solutions may be.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvVJp0XiEBw>

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