A COMPETE course on academic research skills for COMPETE PhD students and staff of University of Primorska, Koper, 27th May 2015

The course aims to provide information on skills that are essential to develop a career in scientific research, to ensure that your research provides impact. Although the course aims to be independent of any specific subject, focusing more on the philosophy needed to succeed with a career doing good quality research, it will be relevant for all researchers in the agricultural sciences.

It will be held at Koper/Capodistria, Trg Brolo 12, 2nd floor, which is in the middle of the old part of Koper.

Course programme:

Wednesday, 27 May 2015, 09.00 – 17.00:

Introduction to the course and philosophy (09.00-10.30)

Refreshment break 10.30-11.00

Module 1: Proposal writing for H2020 (11.00-12.00)
      Philosophy for success
      Learning how to be competitive
      The four main challenges
      How to interpret and implement instructions
      Supporting statements with the evidence
      Giving enough details
      Being consistent
      Becoming a partner

Module 2: Good quality research (12.00-13.00)
      Looking for the truth
      Considering all the factors
      The research cycle
      Principles of experimental design

Lunch break 13.00-14.00

Module 2: Good quality research (14.00-14.30)
 Reducing the errors
 Data quality control

Module 3: Presentation skills for posters (14.30-15.30):
 Conferences as opportunities to have impact on scientists and develop networks
 Points to consider for posters
 Identifying the pros and cons of different poster styles
 Examples of posters

Refreshment break 15.30-16.00

Module 4: Presenting yourself through your CV (16.00-17.00):
 Preparing a CV
 Preparing a cover (motivation) letter
 How to be competitive

A4 handouts of PowerPoint presentations will be sent electronically to the course participants

Course feedback questionnaires give average participant assessments of typically over 4.7/5.

Map of Koper:

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